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LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

Book Loan Donations Help Students

■ Program provides monetary assistance to Valley students.

BY DANIEL KANE
STAFF WRITER

The emergency book loan is one of the many services available to Valley College students in need of financial assistance to continue their college careers. However, it goes largely unnoticed by a majority of the student population.

Initiated by former sociology professor Pat Allen, the emergency book loan was established in order to aid students with paying for their textbooks, which as most students would say is probably the most expensive part of attending school. "It's a damn outrage," student Larry Wilson said.

"We get students in here all the time that are low on funds," said Christi O'Connor, an employee of the campus bookstore. "They always ask us what we can do, so I recommend the book loan."

The book loan program lends up to \$150 to eligible students. The eligibility is based on a number of criteria. "We would like them to have a good GPA, or at least some good academic standing and having a job couldn't hurt," said Rosemary Smith, administrative

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Gynecologist Opens Minds to STDs

■ Dr. Kevin Pezescki promotes better understanding of health risks.

BY TIFFANY FARMAKIS
STAFF WRITER

The Valley College health center sponsored a lecture to educate students about sexually transmitted diseases Wednesday.

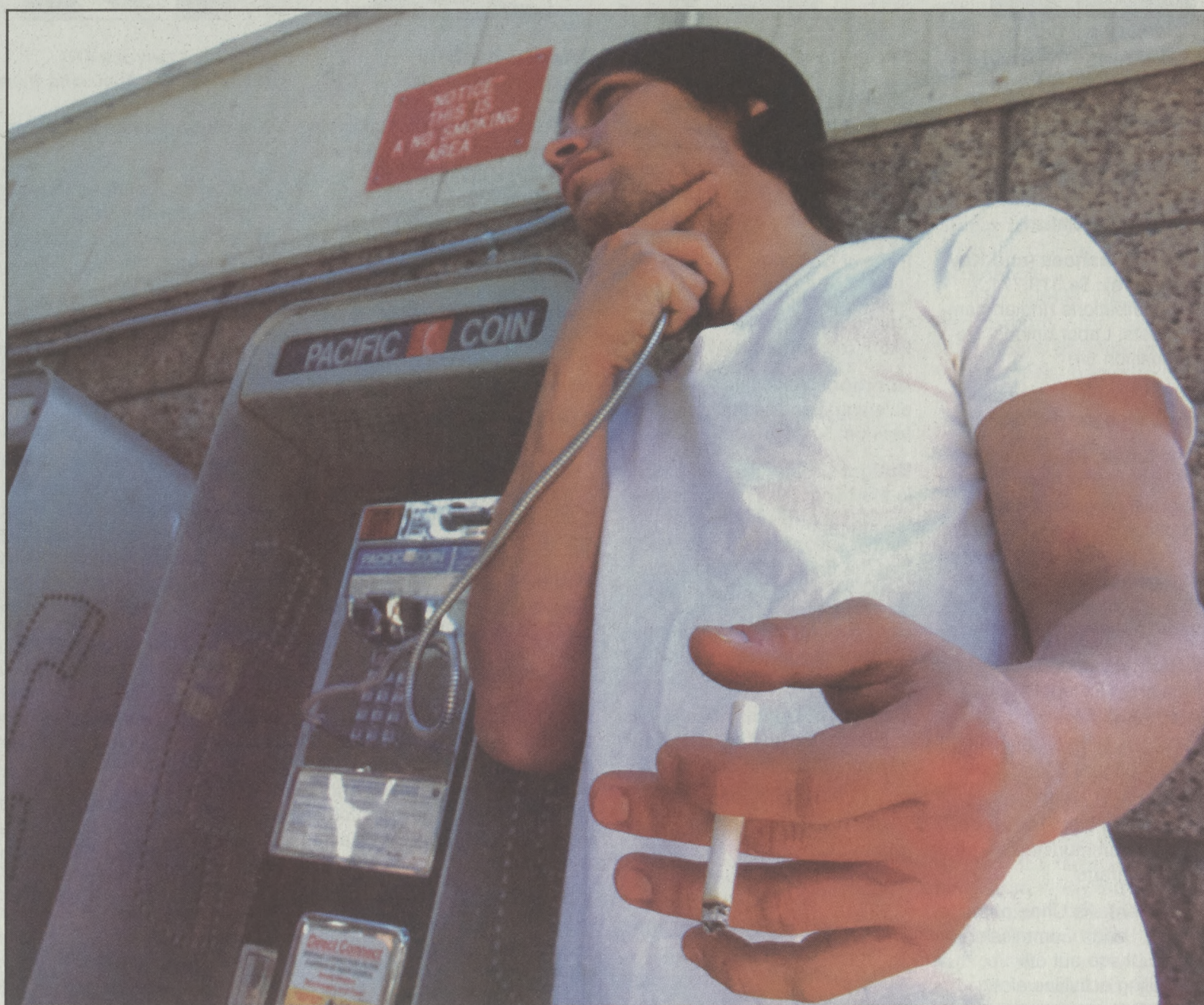
Understanding simple information about STDs, such as common symptoms, ways they're spread and how they can be treated, is the first step toward prevention, said gynecologist Kevin Pezescki.

"I have a lot of young patients who are misinformed about STDs," Pezescki said. "This is the best way to get students informed."

STDs are among the most common infectious diseases in the United States today, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. More than 20 have been identified and they affect over 13 million Americans each year. STDs are most prevalent among teenagers and young adults, with nearly two-thirds of all STDs occurring in people younger than 25 years of age.

"People are not careful about having sex, especially now," student Claudia Bustamante said. "They don't think about what you can get. They should do conferences like this more often, particularly at high schools."

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MARLBORO MAN -Smokers on campus constantly disregard the many no-smoking signs posted throughout school grounds. The smoker above chose not to be identified by name.

JORDAN DiNAPOLI/VALLEY STAR

Smoke Contributes to Asthma Attack at Building Entrance

■ Valley student's condition triggered by excess smoking in non-smoking areas.

BY SUSAN MALTBY
AND TIFFANY FARMAKIS
STAFF WRITERS

Student Monique Fletcher suffered an asthma attack Thursday morning, shortly after entering her class in the Behavioral Sciences building.

Emergency response crews were already on campus in response to an unrelated incident. Rescue workers immediately administered oxygen to her and she was able to regain normal breathing after about 15

minutes.

Her asthma was triggered by cigarette smoke near the entrance of the building where students were lighting up in a clearly marked non-smoking area, she said.

"Some people were smoking right out front. I had to walk right through the smoke," Fletcher said. "I had no choice. I had to get to class."

Once she recovered from her asthma, campus security walked with her to the administration building where

she planned to make a formal complaint.

The campus has 12 designated smoking areas, and non-smoking areas are clearly marked. Plant facilities is responsible for marking the designated smoking areas, and are waiting for the signs to arrive, said Tom Jacobsmeier, vice president of administration.

Smokers on campus continue to smoke in areas where it is not allowed.

"I've had pneumonia

twice," student Janet Hill said. "When I'm around people who smoke, I get very sick. You come to school to study and instead you end up being sick."

Sheriff security officer Pedro "Rock" Pineda said that this was their second asthma call this month.

"We got a call from an instructor that a student was having an asthma attack," Pineda said. "Our concern was for the student. We walked her to the administration building, she was OK."

Whose Line is it Anyway?

■ Study reveals 40 percent of students use the internet to cheat.

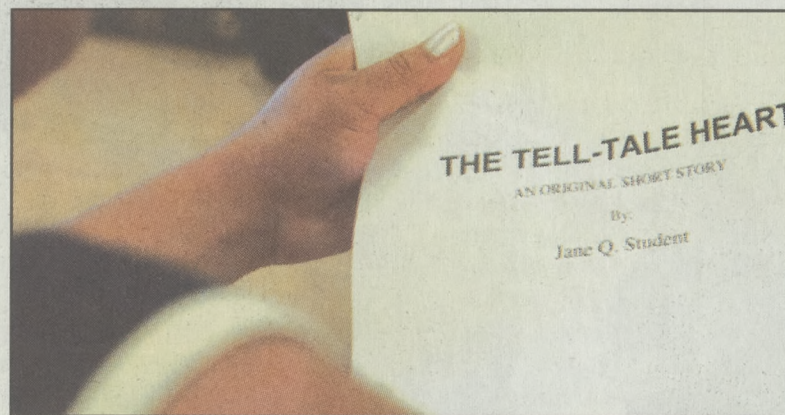
BY JACQUI BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Term paper due? Short on time? Download, baby, download! Just remember you may end up paying the ultimate price for 'your' intellectual gem. Plagiarism is fraud, and fraud is a punishable crime.

Out of 18,000 students surveyed on 23 college campuses, nearly 40 percent of students used the Internet to plagiarize papers, according to a report by Don McCabe, president of the Center for Academic Integrity at Rutgers University.

Every college or university has its own policy in place to deal with plagiarism. The University of California, Los Angeles and others go as far as expulsion for plagiarism infractions.

Valley College's policy,



BENJAMIN FAVELA/VALLEY STAR

POE NO MORE - Sites all over the Internet provide students the chance to download essays and stories to turn in as their own writing.

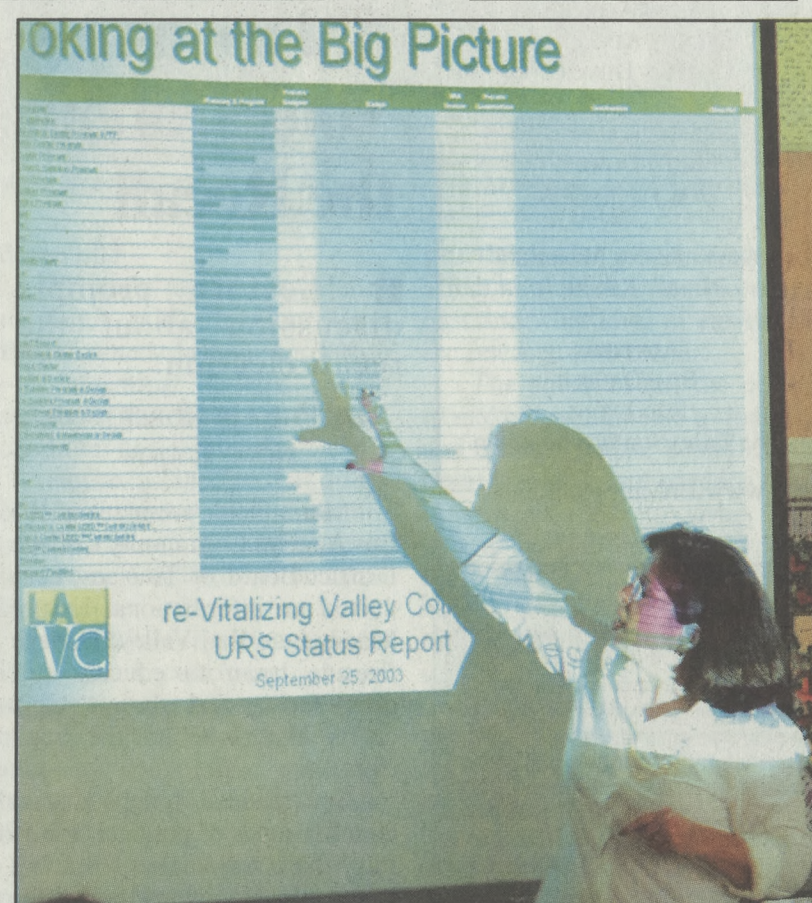
which can be found in the class catalogue, states that dishonesty, such as cheating or furnishing false information can lead to disciplinary suspension.

"I have some semesters that I have three or four cases," said Yasmin Delahoussaye, vice president of student services. "Sometimes we get people who have a language impediment

— where they just don't get the definition of plagiarism. And then there are the people who just buy a paper, which is absolutely blatant."

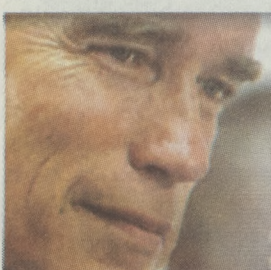
Depending on the extremity of the situation, the disciplinary action can run any-

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GABY ALONSO/VALLEY STAR

PROGRESS - Alix O'Brien, project director for Valley College restoration, explains the URS status report Thursday. see page 6



RECALL PG. 2 HE'S BACK

THE TERMINATOR ATTEMPTS TO BECOME THE GOVERNATOR. SPECIAL COVERAGE INSIDE.



SPORTS PGS. 8-9 RENEGADE RIPPED

FOOTBALL DROPS TO A 1-3 OVERALL RECORD IN A 20-35 LOSS TO THE BAKERSFIELD RENEGADES.



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WALK OF WARRIORS WOMEN WALK MORE THAN 39 MILES TO FOR A GATHERING TO SUPPORT BREAST CANCER RESEARCH.

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SPECIAL REPORT October 7 Recall at a Glance

To assist you at the polls for this historic election, The Valley Star presents this brief summary of the leading gubernatorial candidates' quotes and actions on key issues.

Sources include: The Los Angeles Times, On The Issues.org, The San Jose Mercury News, the VoteSmart Project, transcripts of the debates and the candidates' websites.

Below the candidate profiles is information on the two propositions on the ballot, Proposition 53 (funding for infrastructure) and Proposition 54 (restriction of the government's ability to collect racial information for databases).

The ASU is sponsoring a bi-partisan Proposition 54 forum in Monarch Square today at 11:30 a.m.

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CRUZ BUSTAMANTE (D)
(Lt. Governor, California)

Key Endorsements: League of Conservation Voters, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, the California State Employees Association.

Campaign Finances (and Key Contributors): \$4,319,771; 1,782 contributions (Indian gaming interests, Labor unions, No on Proposition 54)

Abortion: "We want to make sure that we defend choice."

Budget Crisis: Plans to raise \$8 billion in higher taxes on commercial properties, top earners, tobacco products, alcohol, closing corporate loopholes and encouraging overdue tax payments — would achieve \$4.5 billion more in savings and cuts.

Civil Rights: Supports current bill for same-sex legal rights, opposes Prop. 54.

Education: UC Regent & CSU Trustee; opposed fee raises, advocated dual admissions program, granting students acceptance after community college transfer program.

Environment: As Chair of the Cal. State Lands Commission, sought to phase out off-shore drilling activities along California's coast, co-sponsored SB 1078 (20% California Renewable Portfolio Standard)

Gun Control: "I support the existing laws. We've banned assault weapons. We made sure that we have trigger locks."

Health Care: Developed the Contract to Fight Breast Cancer (an employer initiative), supported the Healthy Families program, urged UC divestment from tobacco-related stocks.

Immigration: Supports giving undocumented immigrants driver licenses, basic government services and the right to attend UCs.

Tax Reform: Would modify the vehicle license fee to exempt the first \$20,000 of value. Would make up for loss of revenue from repealing car tax by raising tobacco and alcohol taxes.



PETER CAMEJO (G)
(Founder of Progressive Asset Mgmt, Inc.; former trustee of the Contra Costa Employees Retirement Assn., educated at UC Berkeley and MIT; published author.)

Key Endorsements: The Green Party of California

Campaign Finances (and Key Contributors): \$49,500 (as of 9/24); (other data N/A)

Abortion: "Advocate for women's rights and reproductive freedom."

Budget Crisis: "The main issue in the budget discussion is the question of taxes. If the richest 5% paid the same tax rate that the poorest 20% pay, there would be a substantial surplus."

Civil Rights: Supports current bill for same-sex legal rights, opposes Prop. 54.

Education: Doubts effectiveness of high school exit testing; would increase teacher pay beyond that of prison guards.

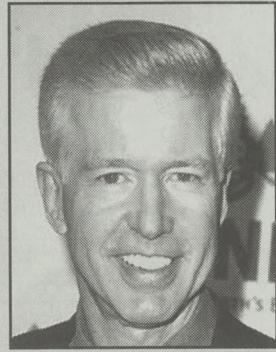
Environment: Would ban all oil drilling off California coast; supports a bond for clean air, parks, and water conservation programs; says state environmental regulations should be stricter than federal law.

Gun Control: Would ban the sale or transfer of semi-automatic guns, except those used for hunting, require manufacturers to provide child-safety locks on guns and require background checks at gun shows.

Health Care: "Guarantee Universal Health Care to every Californian. Use a not-for-profit system and avoid waste."

Immigration: Supports immigrants' rights, including driver license bill. "A recent Wall Street Journal article shows how necessary (they) are to keeping the economy strong. We need more immigrants, in fact."

Tax Reform: Says cutting car tax means cutting education we should protect it instead; would balance the budget by having richest 5% pay same taxes as others.



GRAY DAVIS (D)
(Governor, California)

Key Endorsements: California Teachers Association, Sierra Club, AFL-CIO, California State Police Assn, National Organization of Women; Sen. Barbara Boxer, Bill Clinton, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Al Gore.

Campaign Finances (and Key Contributors): \$11,488,866; 886 contributions (Labor unions, agriculture and timber interests)

Abortion: Has signed numerous pro-choice bills, including The Reproductive Privacy Act, Contraceptive Equity Act and California Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act.

Budget Crisis: Davis blames the national economic downturn, collapse of high-tech industry and other factors for California's record deficit.

Civil Rights: Supports registered domestic partnerships with benefits, adoptions by gay parents, expanded definition of hate crimes to include gays; enforced job & housing rights for disabled & minorities.

Education: "We've invested 34% more money in the schools. Test scores are up four years in a row."

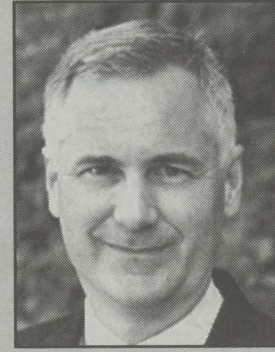
Environment: More state autonomy on Superfund cleanups, advocates state primacy over water quantity & quality issues.

Gun Control: Enacted the nation's most comprehensive ban of military-style assault weapons; banned "Saturday Night Specials"; sought stricter regulations for gun shows.

Health Care: Signed comprehensive HMO reform law, including the right to sue an HMO and access to appropriate specialists for HIV/AIDS patients

Immigration: Signed controversial bill making driver licenses available to undocumented immigrants.

Tax Reform: No national sales tax or VAT, let states independently determine estate taxes.



TOM MCCLINTOCK (R)
(State Senator, Thousand Oaks)

Key Endorsements: George Will

Campaign Finances (and Key Contributors): \$1,475,173; 4,375 contributions (Indian gaming tribes, contractors)

Abortion: Opposes partial birth abortions; supports parental notification for minors; does not believe that government funds should support the practice.

Budget Crisis: Voted No on 2003-04 California state budget: "Mark my words: this budget solves nothing. It sets in motion still bigger deficits to come. The day that it is signed will be the first day of the budget crisis of 2004." Pledges not to raise taxes.

Civil Rights: Strong supporter of Prop 54 ("government should be color-blind"), opposes legal rights for same-sex unions.

Education: Would suspend the Proposition 98 education funding guarantees to fill holes in other parts of the budget. Says bilingual education is segregation.

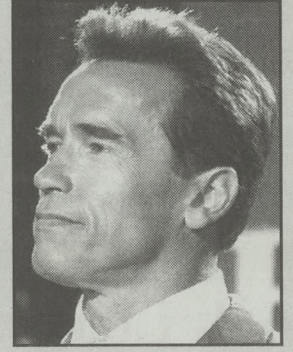
Environment: Would replace Coastal Commission with local community decisions, opposes expansion of oil drilling off the California coast.

Gun Control: Advocates fewer restrictions; "I believe that people have a fundamental natural right to defend themselves against violent predators."

Health Care: Claims he could reduce Medi-Cal fraud by \$2.5B but no one in Sacramento was interested

Immigration: Opposes driver's license bill: It places "valid state identification in the hands of illegal immigrants, undermining enforcement of immigration laws."

Tax Reform: Repeal car tax by reducing government waste and duplication: "Simply (changing) our workers' comp. law to Arizona's would [provide] \$2.5 billion of direct savings."



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER (R)
(Actor, Entrepreneur)

Key Endorsements: California Chamber of Commerce, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn., Republican Party County Chairs; Ward Connerly, Rep. Darrell Issa, Bill Simon, Richard Riordan, Pete Wilson.

Campaign Finances (and Key Contributors): \$16,183,479, 151 contributions (Agriculture interests, developers, state contractors)

Abortion: Supports current family planning programs, opposes partial birth abortion; supports parental notification.

Budget Crisis: Supports a constitutional limit on annual spending increases and an unambiguous constitutional requirement that the state pass a balanced budget."

Civil Rights: Opposes gay marriage, approves of "some kind of domestic partnership," supports gay rights including adoption. Opposes Prop 54.

Education: Supports exit testing, public school choice, increased local control and school prayer; campaigned for Prop 49 (afterschool programs).

Environment: Opposed to off-shore oil drilling, would override federal exemption of new air pollution sources.

Gun Control: "Strong supporter of the second amendment," but supports the Brady Bill; assault weapon ban, safety locks and closing the gun show loophole.

Health Care: "We need a system based on an individual and his or her physician. We need to get rid of costly mandates that make health insurance costs prohibitive. We need leadership and innovation."

Immigration: Voted for Prop 187, denying services to illegal immigrants; opposes driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants.

Tax Reform: Would rescind the car tax; pledges to raise taxes only in emergency; would fight any attempt to roll back Prop 13.

Trustee Educates Voters about the Recall

■ Lecture prompts discussion about the recall election.

By PHILLIP ROBERTSON
NEWS EDITOR

Mona Field, president of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees, conducted an informational lecture Monday at the Valley College fireside room to educate students, faculty and administrators on the history behind the recall election.

Spearheaded by Igor Kagan, commissioner of political affairs for the Associated Student Union, the lecture addressed the causes behind the recall and was an open forum for discussion.

"This recall is an important, yet rare, occurrence in California," Field said. The recall measure in the California state constitution is one of the three parts of direct democracy granted to the people of the state.

Growing out of the Progressive Movement of the



FIRESIDE CHAT- Mona Field, president of the LACCD Board of Trustees, lectures about the recall Monday in Fireside Room.

early 1900s, the people of California were granted the recall, referendum and initiative as tools, Field said. Approximately 18 other states have similar direct democracy provisions.

In contrast to Sunday's CNN/Gallup poll showing 63 percent support for recalling Gov. Gray Davis, the majority of the attendees at the lecture indicated they were voting no. "It's not all his fault," said Tracey Baca, assistant professor of child development. "So many other people are involved."

The LACCD trustees voted

to condemn the recall election last month. Field expressed concern that the recall would create disorder in the electoral process. "What scares me the most is the potential of the never-ending cycle of recalls which won't allow us to ever feel stable," Field said.

Supporters of the attempt to remove Gov. Gray Davis from office expressed their arguments also. "He lied about the budget crisis when campaigning for governor," said Ron Mossler, chair of the psychology department.

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Propositions 53 and 54 on the Ballot on Oct. 7

■ Voters on Oct. 7 review two major ballot initiatives.

By PETER O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Proposition 53 requires specified percentages of General Fund revenues to be set aside for acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, modernization or renovation of infrastructure.

The first amount, 1 percent, is scheduled for allocation in 2006-07. An annual increase of 0.3 percent will continue until the 3 percent level is reached and it will then remain fixed.

Taxes will not be raised under 53. Proposition 98, approved by voters in 1988, which protects K-12 education from tax cuts that have hit other services through the state's budget, is guaranteed to be unchanged. This pay-as-you-go method will require the California Legislature and the governor to complete projects such as roads, bridges, highways, state universities and many more.

"I hate driving to and from my house," North Hollywood resident David Zelakowski said. "The roads are horrible, it's rough on my car, and nobody will come and fix it." Many

of his neighbors and friends throughout the neighborhood are upset, Zelakowski said.

In opposition to 53, many people are worried about a blank check for given projects when the California education system is cutting back necessary funds.

"The state needs to look beyond fixing the existing infrastructure," said Independent gubernatorial candidate Arianna Huffington. "We need to become a leader in renewable energy."

The Racial Privacy Initiative is also on the docket for the Oct. 7 election. Proposition 54 seeks to limit what racial data the government can collect. However some opponents believe the bill is racist.

"The state shall not classify any individual by race, ethnicity, color or national origin in the operation of public education, public contracting or public employment," according to the description on the bill's website.

Proposition 54 will save an additional \$10 million of the state's budget. It's also expected to end the government's preferential treatment based on race, and the rid the state of a racial

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OPINION

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ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

EACH WEEK, THE VALLEY STAR EXAMINES AN ISSUE FROM TWO SIDES.
THIS WEEK: IS IT FAIR TO RAISE TAXES ON TOBACCO?

THE SMOKING GUN

By MICHAEL ORDOÑA
OPINION EDITOR

Fairness. That's what taxation should be about.

When people like Cruz Bustamante and Arianna Huffington talk about raising tobacco taxes to replace revenues from a repeal of the car tax, they are only asking citizens to pay their fair share.

Nicotine addicts who say they shouldn't be picked on for using a legal substance display a jaw-dropping dearth of social responsibility. They like to say that smoking is their right, whatever the effects on themselves or those around them. But they conveniently neglect the whopping health care costs their habit foists upon the rest of us.

Testimony to the U.S. Senate estimated that the costs of smoking to the American economy are about \$130 billion dollars a year. Yet federal, state, and municipal excise taxes on cigarettes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996 were only about \$13 billion.

The United States has one of the world's lowest cigarette tax burdens. In a 1997 study of 30 leading nations, the United States ranked dead last at 35 percent. Most others ranged from 50 to 85 percent, with Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom at the top.

Even after the 1998 McCain bill to raise tobacco taxes by \$1.10, the U.S. still ranks in the bottom third. What's the difference between us and them? They have universal health care and we don't.

Almost every other developed nation has some form of universal health care, and they fund it through measures like cigarette taxes.

They have recognized what a burden tobacco is to the general public, and they tax accordingly.

Such measures don't just raise billions of dollars for the state; they encourage smokers to kick the habit.

While tobacco companies claim that price increases don't have an effect on smoking frequency, former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop reported that smoking in California plummeted by 32 percent after 1988's 25-cent tax increase.

According to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids,

that measure and its educational component "reduced (California's) healthcare costs by more than \$100 million in its first seven years just by reducing the number of smoking-caused low-birthweight babies. The overall healthcare savings just from reducing smoking among pregnant women were roughly three times as large. These savings now total at least \$80 million per year."

The Center for Disease Control estimates that even after many other reductions, California's tobacco-related health costs were \$7.13 billion

PUT THIS IN YOUR PIPE AND SMOKE IT

By DANIEL KANE
STAFF WRITER

Here we go again with another round of cigarette taxes.

Gubernatorial candidates like Cruz Bustamante and Arianna Huffington have come out in support of higher taxes on tobacco products, with two aims: discouraging smoking and moving California closer to a stable economy.

But why is tobacco singled out? The answer is that a tax-weary public primarily made up of non-smokers will accept an unjust tax increase on a socially unacceptable product.

Tobacco is the subject of

they want. It's their right.

However, since the public has accepted that tobacco use has dangerous effects on one's health, its users are fiercely vilified though they have committed no crime.

Nowhere has this discrimination been more evident than in the frequently proposed tax increases on cigarettes. But these taxes are failures.

Higher tobacco taxes simply do not discourage smoking. In Pennsylvania, a 31-cent tax increase did not prevent tobacco sales from rising. The same thing happened in states like North Carolina and Illinois.

Californians already pay \$1.10 in federal taxes and 75 cents in state taxes on their cigarettes, and in April 2003 the American Lung Association proposed another \$1.50 increase. If it were up to Cruz Bustamante and Arianna Huffington it would be even more than that.

However, only 20 cents from that proposed \$1.50 would go to smoking prevention programs, so where is the rest of the money going? Why would there be such a push to tax cigarettes if not to protect overall public or private health?

The government of California has gotten us into a huge budget crisis. According to R.J. Reynolds research, Californians who buy packs of cigarettes paid \$2,321,065,562 in cigarette taxes per year.

Proposition 10 raised the tax to 50 cents more than the tax before it and now the government wants to milk these vilified but completely innocent people even more.

Many smokers concede that some taxation of tobacco is to be expected, but the recent raises are ridiculous.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is just plain wrong. When habits are legal, those that are taboo should be just as protected as more widely accepted ones.



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in 2002, for a total taxpayers burden of \$6.27 billion. The CDC tracked California's tobacco-related tax collections at just over \$1 billion (rather than the nearly \$3 billion claimed by Phillip Morris) — that's not excessive; that's a good start.

The car tax hurts the overwhelming majority of Californians. Increased tobacco taxes affect only those who cause a \$7.13 billion dollar burden to everyone else.

The wealthiest Californians should pay more than the poorest. Corporations shouldn't get tax shelters for moving their business out of the country. And people whose irresponsible habits cost the state \$7.13 billion shouldn't moan about paying another buck or so to get their fix.

much controversy. It has been proven by respected organizations such as the American Lung Association to cause a great risk to the user's health. The general public believes that second-hand smoke is dangerous and even deadly.

Whether or not tobacco products are dangerous to an individual's health, it is still a legal substance. Anyone who is over the age of 18 is able to buy any tobacco product that

Agree? Disagree?

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Eco-Terrorists Help No-One

By JONATHAN MAKIRI
STAFF WRITER

An underground militant group consisting of autonomous cells around the globe, intent on inflicting economic and psychological damage through terrorist actions, is active here in the United States.

No, not Al Qaeda — the above description is how the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) defines itself. The FBI has classified the ELF as a "serious terrorist threat."

The group has claimed responsibility for more than \$100 million in damages on U.S. soil through domestic terrorism in the last five years, most noticeably in recent attacks in Southern California: the torching and spray painting of more than 50 Hummer H2s at dealerships in the Los Angeles area and two arson fires that destroyed real-estate development projects in San Diego.

The ELF is a loosely knit group of extremists, or "eco-terrorists," as they prefer to be labeled — as if the adding the word terrorist to your job description today is a great idea — that resorts to inflicting harm upon innocent victims in order to spread their ideals about the destruction of the environment.

The ELF targets those "profiting from the destruction and exploitation of the natural environment" in an effort to "reveal and educate the public on the atrocities committed against the earth and all species that populate it."

Are the zealots of the ELF, who endanger innocent lives, really educating us? Have their Molotov cocktails and spray-painted slogans of "Fat Lazy Americans" and "I Love Pollution" upon H2s, opened up the eyes of soccer moms to the arrogant and unnecessary environmental damage such gas-guzzling vehicles do?

The chances of spotting a for-sale sign on an H2 in the aftermath of these attacks are about as good as spotting an Iraqi flag fluttering from an H2 antenna.

Even if these anarchist actions do persuade the American public to visit the ELF website for "education," it has no concrete information on how they can help in the preservation of the environment. The site basically logs past ELF attacks and encourages new recruits to follow suit. It's nothing but a breeding ground for devotees to one-up each other.

The ELF strategy employs terrorism at a time when such tactics are least tolerable in America. What terrorist organization garners sympathy today? None. The very people they are trying to inform end up siding with the victims of the attacks, not the ELF's cause.

ELF spokesman Rodney Coronado insists that the group would never harm humans or animals. However, the ELF mission statement includes this line: There is no way to contact the ELF in your area. Coronado makes quite an assumption for people he has never met. It's just a matter of luck that the ELF has not hurt or killed anyone by now.

The ultimate goal of the ELF is a noble one — this country's apathetic and arrogant stance on environmental issues is absurd and an insult to this planet and all that inhabit it. There's no doubt that America plays a prominent role in the pollution of the earth. But the means by which the ELF is trying to send this message will never lead to positive change.

The ELF represents anarchy and terrorism. The people of this country will never side with such a cowardly and faceless faction.



A Governor is... part Arnold, part Arianna, part Camejo... PHOTO COLLAGE BY MICHAEL ORDOÑA / VALLEY STAR

STAFF EDITORIAL

What Makes a Governor?

With 134 gubernatorial candidates to vote for Oct. 7, one wonders what qualifications are necessary to run California.

Among the group are porn mogul Larry Flynt, former child actor Gary Coleman, adult film actress Mary Carey and an Austrian bodybuilder-turned-actor, among many others.

So what does it take to make the cut? If you're old enough to drink, you're old enough to run the state. A five-year minimum

residency in California is also required. If you meet these high standards, you too can compete for the chance to be the high authority of the fifth-largest economy in the world.

At 21, with no political experience, a person can set the direction of policy, be commander-in-chief of the state's

militia, inform the legislature of the conditions of the state and balance California's revenues and debts ... or at least try.

Gubernatorial candidates aren't required to have any level of schooling. No college degree, no high school diploma. Makes it seem like maybe this whole governor thing is a piece of cake,

doesn't it?

"There's no rocket science to this," said Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante at last week's debate — claiming he had simple solutions to restore the fiscal condition of California.

Rocket science no, but a \$1.3 billion economy and the welfare of 35 million California residents is not a responsibility to be taken lightly.

Apart from the stated qualifications, a concerned citizen might expect a governor to have a range of knowledge in areas such as economics, business, law, civil rights, education and more.

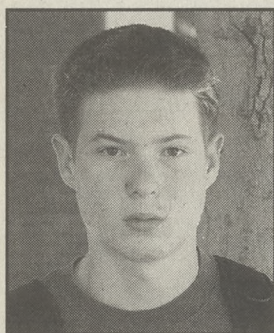
Vague opinions about the pros and cons of the issues aren't enough, an actual understanding of the nuts and bolts that make things work is necessary.

Having a patient individual to endure the endless trivial and critical decisions a governor must face to keep California's ship on a safe and steady course sounds like a good idea too.

And while he or she should be an unflinching commander, a compassionate spirit will well

Campus View

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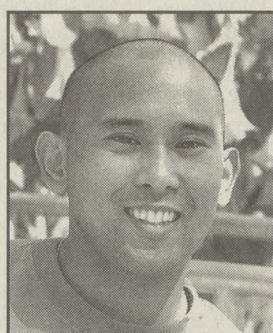
"Taking care of education and people, cleaning up the environment and pollution."

Jesse Brackett



"The ability to do what they say they will do."

Chemica Breedlove



"A good economic team, good educational background and what he does for the community."

Ryan Fuentes



"Somebody serious and responsible who does something for the community."

Brenda Losoya

What Qualifications Should a Good Governor Have?

CAMPUS SCENE

WEDNESDAY OCT. 1

Monarch Square
Chicano/Latino
Heritage
Celebration:

12:45 p.m. to 1:30
p.m.

THURSDAY OCT. 2

Mark Sherwin, Piano
Music Recital Hall
11:30 a.m.

Student Health
Center
Fall 2003 Hours:

Mon.-Thur. 8 a.m. to
4:15 p.m.

Wed. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October is Cultural
Diversity Month in
the Los Angeles
Community College
District.

LETITROLL

BY TAMMY ABBOTT
VALLEY LIFE EDITOR

Titles such as "Good Boy Donuts," "Hunt for the Magnificent Banana," and "Holding My Dickies," are just a few of the 73 student films made by the students in the media arts department.

Media arts students, friends and families gathered in the Mainstage Theatre to view the screening of the fall 2002 through spring 2003 film projects. Half of the films were one-minute and twenty seconds 16mm commercials of real or imaginary products and public service announcements. The second half was two and a half-minute exercises shot on digital film/video production.

Continuing film student JoAnne McGrath was there with one of the stars of her film Amanda Mosely, waiting for the screening of "Grow Up Happy."

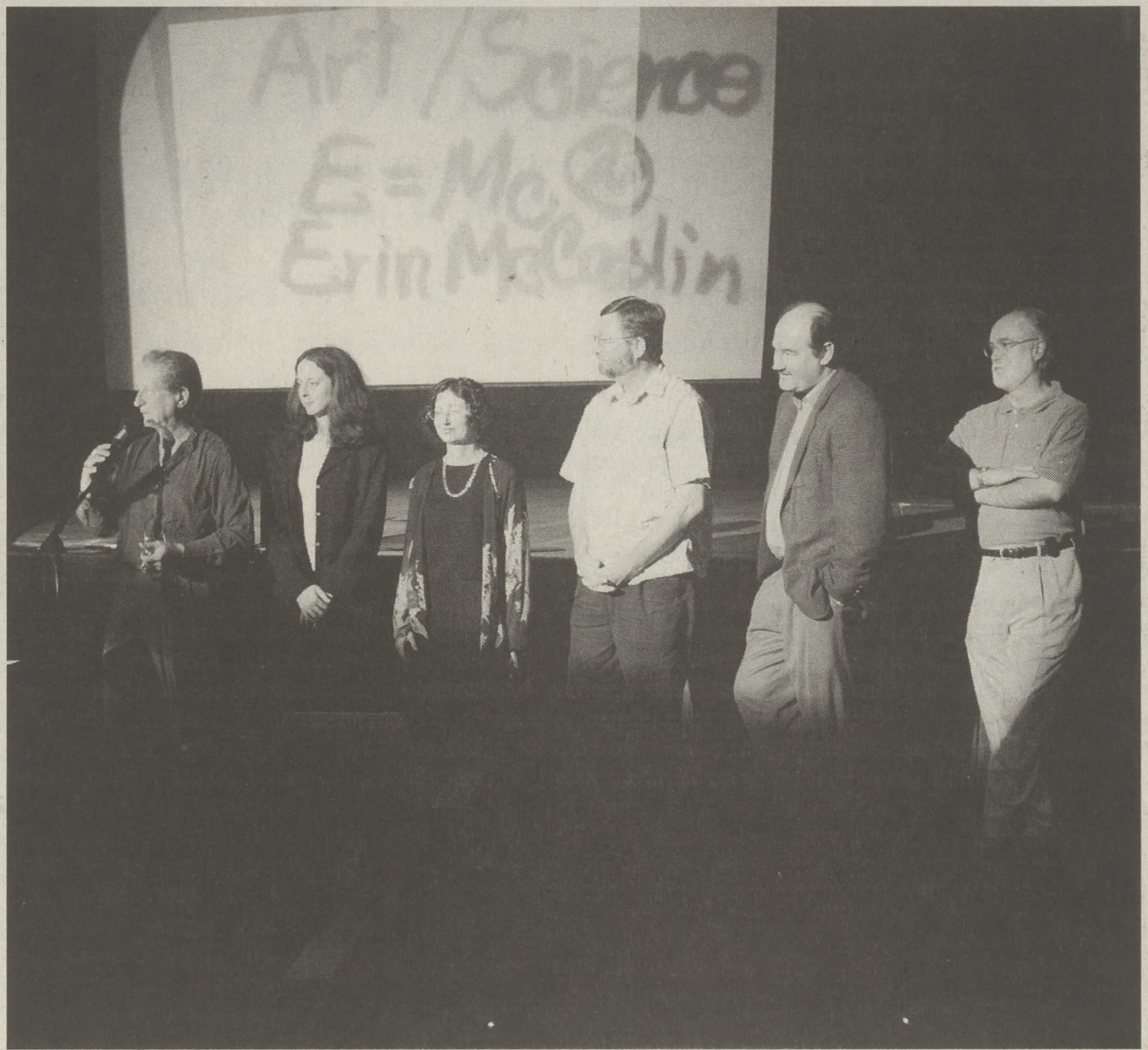
"Don't count on somebody

else to make it work for you," McGrath said. "Get in there and do it yourself, you can make it happen." McGrath is taking digital editing and screenwriting this semester.

The quality of the films varied; some had some trouble with exposure and sound, but most of the films had a solid production with good sound, script and music, and quality image. The imaginations of Valley students coming alive on the screen proved to be an impressive show.

The films ranged in technique, some were very funny and well done like "Sidewalk Chicken," by Juan Luis Juarez and "Stud Muffin," by John Wrightson.

"Film screenings are exciting," Wrightson said. "I'm excited." By the audiences reaction to his film he should be encouraged as well.



Tammy Abbott/Valley Star

WORDS OF WISDOM - Professors of the Media Arts department share in their students excitement during the debut screening of the student films made here at Valley on Sept. 28.

FROM TOKYO TO THE "UNDERWORLD"

■ Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson wrestle demons in "Lost In Translation;" Kate Beckinsale battles werewolves in "Underworld"

BY MICHAEL ORDONA
OPINION EDITOR

After her disastrous acting debut in her father's "The Godfather Part III" and the meandering excess of her contribution to "New York Stories," few would have guessed that Sofia Coppola had it in her to become an exciting auteur with depth and taste. However, her two feature-length directorial efforts, an adaptation of "The Virgin Suicides" and her own screenplay, "Lost in Translation," show a deft and sensitive touch.

"Lost in Translation" finds an exhausted American movie star (Bill Murray), adrift in Tokyo as he shoots a whiskey commercial. He meets a bored young American bride (Scarlett Johansson of "Ghost World") at a crossroads in her marriage, and the two of them slowly form an unconventional bond.

Unlike traditional May-December romances, "Lost" avoids the 'ick' factor by tacitly acknowledging the obstacles between the protagonists (SUCH AS). Their relationship unfolds delicately, blooming in a rich, believable way.

Among the film's foremost virtues are its courageous nonverbal moments. Auteur Coppola leaves much unsaid, trusting her actors to convey

deep, subtle undercurrents as their acquaintance evolves.

Murray and Johansson are up to the task; their winding path is built on the lovely rapport between the two actors. Murray may finally get his first Oscar nomination for his textured performance, while Johansson is one of the more promising actresses of her generation.

Coppola drops her western eye into the whirling miasma of Tokyo, catching telling details such as flashing, hieroglyphic-like traffic signs that the locals understand perfectly. She conveys her characters' disorientation by visiting it upon her audience.

Her dialogue is concise and funny, intelligent without pretension. She bravely wades into the complexities of a relationship and allows scenes to go on as long as they need, rather than letting the Hollywood metronome rule them.

"Lost in Translation" is one of the best films of the year so far.

And then there's "Underworld."

"Underworld" doesn't suck — well it does, actually, it's a vampire movie — but it doesn't stay with you, either.

Kate Beckinsale does us the

tremendous favor of running around in tight black leather as a 'death dealer' vampire battling werewolf hordes in a centuries-old war. Sounds neat, but unfortunately the film ignores most of the charming rules of vampire lore. These undead supermodels see themselves in mirrors, don't turn into bats or fog and generally do their fighting with only high-powered firearms. Bela Lugosi is scoffing somewhere.

This willful ignorance of standard vampire regulations is an egregious fault; apart from a fang-bearing or two, there's nothing to distinguish them from "Matrix" wannabes. Watching stock characters bumble around the shadow of "Romeo and Juliet" with clockwork plot twists can only divert one for so long.

The film overreaches with its attempted social commentary, likening the vampire-werewolf relationship to that of masters and slaves or perhaps whites and blacks. Themes of racism (mythism?) and miscegenation feel out of place in this hail of hot lead and blood, and really good-looking people in goth chic.

AVON WALK OF WARRIORS

By JACQUI BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Despite the soaring 102-degree temperatures, 1,100 sweat-drenched walkers wound their way through 39 miles of sweltering city streets during September's two-day Avon Walk for breast cancer.

Dressed in complete angel regalia—wings and all, Colleen Shaffer cheered walkers on as they geared up to finish the next several miles. Most commonly referred to as the 'Angel of Hope' among those whose life has been touched by her compassion, Shaffer was a vision in pink. First diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999, Shaffer underwent a double mastectomy. The next major blow for her came the day after she walked last year's San Diego Avon walk. Doctors told her that her cancer had metastasized to stage four moving her into the terminal stage of the disease.

"I was only supposed to have six months to a year to live, but it's been 16 months — I'm blessed," Shaffer said, adding that she must take a daily dose of chemotherapy to keep her cancer in a state of suspended animation. "These walkers give me a reason to live."

Susan Heaney, director of the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade, put her money where her mouth is by participating in six walks

this year. She said that as of the end of last year Avon has raised over \$250 million during the last 10 years to help find the cure for this often devastating disease.

"We fund over 200 researchers in 12 hospitals across the country as well as funding access to care," said Heaney. "We want to make sure that while we are looking for the cure we take care of women today, particularly the ones outside of the normal health care system. It's an extraordinary experience because it's private citizens who are committing

their time, money and dedication to eradicating breast cancer."

Many of the walkers — some joined by life, some by death — took on the challenge with great enthusiasm, sporting pink wigs, crazy costumes and cheering each other on as they started down the hill at Universal City where they eventually returned to celebrate the end of the event.

"I started doing this years ago because I really believe if we are ever going to see an end to this whole epidemic, everyone needs to get involved — even my husband is walking this one," said Phoenix resident Robin Steiner, who traveled across the country to participate in three

strangers. You just don't ever forget this. I think every woman should do this once in her life."

"I'm walking to support my mother and it makes me feel good that I can make a difference," said Pamela Beer, "but when this is over I'm really looking forward to a cold shower."

This year's beneficiary of the Los Angeles walk is the John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica. The institute, in partnership with the Center for Healthy Aging, will receive a \$1 million gift in order to serve and provide for the needs of older women.

Breast cancer will strike over 200,000 in the United States this year and approximately



Tammy Abbott/Valley Star

WALK ON - Women participate in the two-day "Avon Walk For Breast Cancer," September 13-14.

walks this year. Steiner is also considering going to New York to participate in the last of the eight walks sponsored by Avon this year. "This foundation is amazing and the money really goes to benefit the greater good."

"There's a lot of emotion out here," said breast cancer survivor Rhonda Beer with her daughter Pamela beside her, cheering other walkers on as they passed by or waited to get hit by a cold splash of water. "You're crying and you're hugging total

40,000 women and men will die from this disease, according to the American Cancer Society.

Although there is no known way to prevent this disease, the ACS says the most important action a woman (or man) can take is to follow all the guidelines for early detection, when the likelihood of successful treatment is greatest.

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CULTURE ON A DIME

By Tammy Abbott

Many students are without health plans today and at last count the total of uninsured Americans stood at a shocking 43.6 million people.

This weekend at USC there will be a FREE health fair, "Los Angeles Times Festival of Health & Fitness," Oct. 2 and 3. The festival will cover an expansive list of topics including screenings for Lasik Eye Surgery, Body Fat Analysis, Diabetes, Blood pressure, Osteoporosis Screening and more. There will also be free Mammograms for uninsured women.

Doctors will be lecturing throughout the day in their respective practices, which include tradition medicine as well as Acupuncture, Dental and Chiropractic, even Philosophy.

There will be entertainment by the Abalaye African Dance Ensemble as well as others throughout the weekend. If you're into fitness, there will be activities that you can participate in.

If you think you can't attend because you need someone to watch the kids, bring them along. There's a Kid Zone that will do keep them entertained with activities and Looney Toons stars.

For more information and a complete schedule go online to www.latimes.com.

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George Noory: 'Coast to Coast'

By Tammy Abbott
Valley Life Editor

Occultists, Physicists, Conspiracy Theorists and those who are just curious unite around the radio, the modern day campfire that ignites inquisitive minds to follow the voice of George Noory into the darkest corners of the night.

Noory's show, "Coast to Coast," draws seven to 10 million listeners who enjoy the unique topics he presents that other radio programs ignore. His paranormal, real science and public forum shows on these interesting topics are left for the listeners themselves to ascertain, "Coast to Coast" is always interesting and thought provoking.

Noory officially took over "The Art Bell Show," on KFI 640 AM, January 1 2003. The show airs every Monday through Friday from 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. He relocated from St. Louis to Los Angeles in March to reach a bigger audience and to have hands-on access to his show's sponsors and the corporate executives at Premiere Network.

During a hot August afternoon Noory sipped on iced tea, his favorite drink, and explained the direction of the show. "I would like to balance the show with 40 percent real science, 40 percent paranormal, and other 20 percent would be a people show, such as conspiratorial things that affect us in our every day life, important issues the show can't turn it's back on, but they need a different slant put on them,

which I think we do very well," Noory said.

"I've become more spiritual," Noory revealed, "not to be confused with religious, since I've taken over the show. I just think that there's more out there than a lot of people realize; that there's probably another dimension of spirits that truly affect us. You know I've always believed certain things. Coast to Coast has kind of magnified it a lot."

Noory says his first encounter with the paranormal was an out of body experience that occurred when he was in his early teens. It affected him enough to inspire him to write a book based on the experience with the spirit world. It will be published next May and is called "The Workers In The Light," which he co-authored with William Birnes.

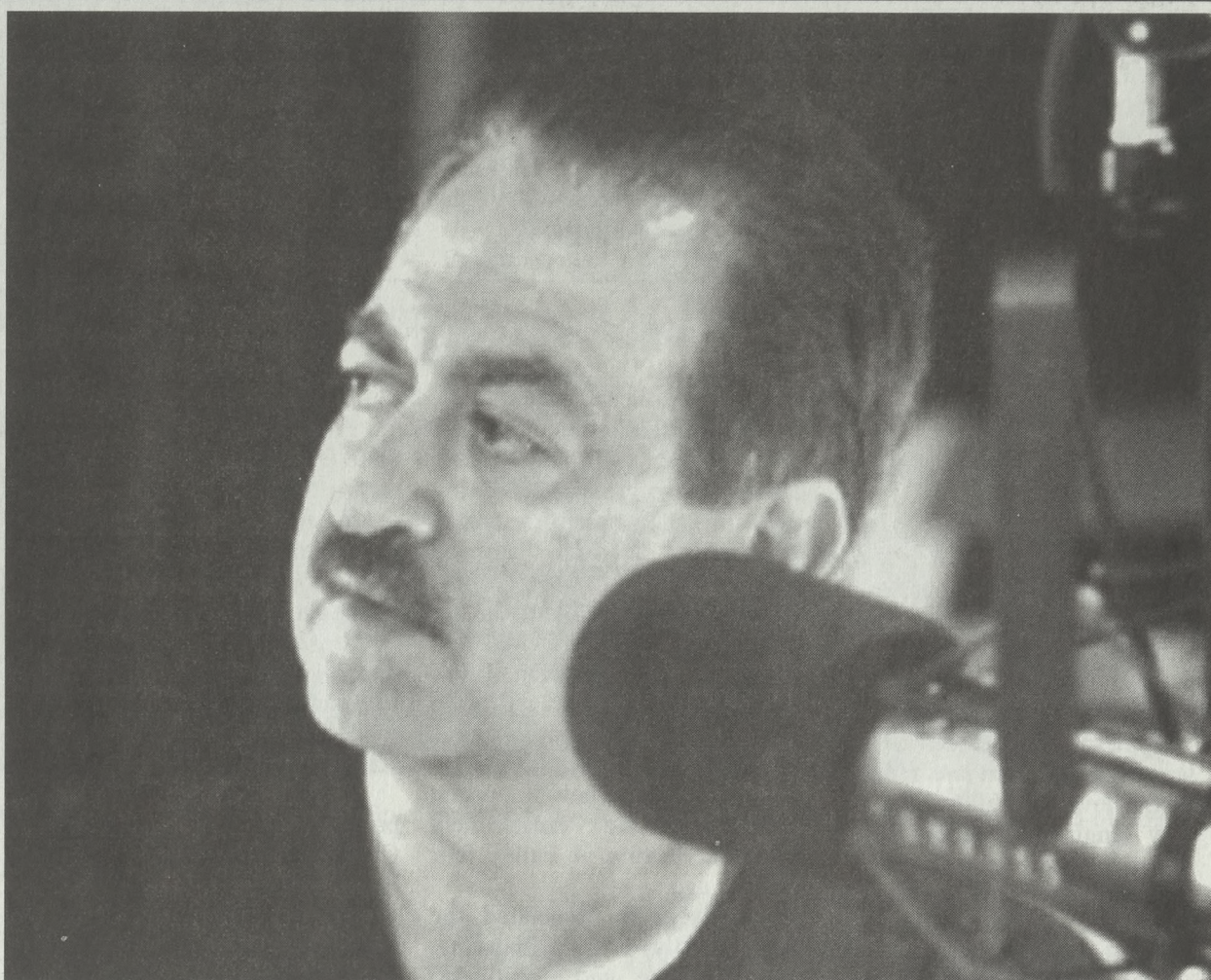
Noory's eyes seem to take on a glazed over look as he leans forward to describe his experience. It feels as though he is looking through me into some other dimension.

"I was in bed one day, I was sick and I found my little body was floating above myself and I thought it was a dream, but it was too real to be a dream. There were no computers back then so I ran to the library and engulfed myself in trying to find out what had happened to me and realized that I had an out of body experience. That and one other event changed my life at a very young

age. My mother gave me a book called, 'We Are Not Alone' by Walter Sullivan."

When asked how he thinks his callers shaped his views on the issues facing the country today Noory said, "I think Americans are truly concerned over what's going on, not only nationally but world wide. There is a craze here. One of the strengths of talk is that it's healthy for them. I think what talk radio may have done is give the people an outlet to keep them from exploding. It's like a pressure cooker — If you don't let the steam out, the pot's going to blow up. Talk radio is one vehicle for them to get their feelings out.

Looking out the restaurant window I couldn't help but ask him what he thought about Los Angeles. "Great career move. I could've stayed anyplace, I could've gone anywhere in the country because of the technology now. It's so easy to broadcast from anywhere. We have a technology now called ISBN lines; special phone lines that give you broadcast quality, so my network, Premiere Radio Network, built a studio for me in St. Louis in my house, down in the basement. April 28, 2001 was my first Coast to Coast show, I filled in for the legend, Art Bell. At the time I was already hosting my own show, so I would have to prep two shows. I would run down the hall, we would flip a switch, and I would be on at midnight. I took over for Art Bell full



Tammy Abbott/Valley Star

AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME - Gorge Noory at the helm of his "Coast to Coast program in the Premiere Network Radio Studios.

time January 1, 2003 hosting the show that is now called "Coast to Coast, with George Noory."

"Once Art retired and the show was mine I had to decide where I was going to go with this. The headquarters are in Los Angeles and I went to Los Angeles for a Christmas Party in 2002. I loved it, loved the people. I thought, this would give me more control of the program and we needed to increase our ratings in Los Angeles anyway. I thought a local presence here would help, and so it has. Today I am number one in my time slot

with the demographic of listeners 35 to 64."

Noory's staff consists of a producer, assistant producer, two engineers, and a phone greeter, although his calls are basically cold. The greeter gets the call when they come in and puts their name on the screen, but Noory doesn't know what they're going to talk about.

There are similarities between Bell and Noory in their demeanor voice tonality, though Bell's voice is ever-so-slightly deeper than Noory's and, as Noory pointed out, they're both

Gemini's. Noory makes no secret that he has a deep respect for Bell saying, "He truly is the best I've ever heard so I wanted to emulate him a little bit and also keep my own style. I've picked up stuff that he did. Art had more of a cult following, I have more of a mainstream following, which is important, because that late-night show needed to develop and grow in some different areas. And he told me that. He said when I was taking over to 'put your own mark on this

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LAVC ASTRONOMY LAUNCHING PLANS FOR MORE SPACE

By Susan Maltby

Staff Writer



FUTURE PLANETARIUM - Professor David Falk holds a model of what he envisions to be the new planetarium after the renovation and expansion.

"A lot of people may promise you the sun, moon and stars, but the Valley College astronomy program actually delivers," astronomy professor David Falk said. Falk is the planetarium director and has taught astronomy at Valley for the past seven years. The astronomy department boasts some of the most popular instructors on campus, according to Falk.

The astronomy lab course features the rooftop observatory and the college's 16-inch telescope and 8-inch portable telescopes. Past students have developed a passion for astronomy and have gone on to internships with the California Institute of Technology and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratories.

Astronomy professor Bob Barlow is one of the favorites among astronomy students. "He's got so much energy when he teaches that he dances around," said student Jesus Haro. "He makes it interesting, fun and easy to learn." Barlow has been teaching at Valley for 35 years.

Students can depend on professor Hal Jander to know his material because he wrote the astronomy lab textbook used at Valley and other colleges. Students eagerly attend classes with professor Richard Raskoff and he often turns students away due to seating limitations of the planetarium.

Anyone who has an interest in our universe can join the Valley College Astronomy Group and enjoy planetarium shows, stellar programs and a variety of field trips. The astronomy group is made up of students from all over campus, not just earth

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SWEETLY EXPRESSIVE - The Baudelaire String Quartet performs Claude Debussy's Quartet in g minor, Op. 10. Members of the quartet named themselves after French poet Charles Baudelaire.

WHEN NOTES FALL FROM THE SKY

■ A Poetic Blend of Music

Harriet Steinberg, Staff Writer

Poetic notes filled the Music Recital Hall while students eagerly listened to the Baudelaire String Quartet perform a shimmering musical program at the weekly concert Thursday. They plucked and plucked, strumming away their lively harmony to an audience that filled the room to capacity.

The Baudelaire String Quartet takes its name from the French poet Charles Baudelaire (1821-67) who had an influence on French art, music and literature and was perhaps the most successful and innovative early experiment in prose poetry of the time.

Judith Aller introduced Quartet in G minor, Op 10 by Claude Debussy. "Claude Debussy is a man who painted through his soul," Aller said. "His notes fall out of the sky the way jazz does."

"They played with so much passion and enthusiasm that their love for music was evident and contagious," general education student Angel Johnson said.

The quartet includes two violinists, a cellist and a violist. Violinist Judith Aller comes from a family of musicians. Her teachers were her father, pianist Victor Aller, her grandfather, cellist Gregory Aller, and the famous violinist Jascha Heifetz. She has lived in France, Sweden,

"They played with so much passion and enthusiasm that their love for music was evident and contagious"

and Finland and performed throughout the United States.

Samuel Chilingarian, the second violin player, was born in Armenia and has degrees from California State University,

Northridge and the University of Missouri. Chilingarian spent six years in Vienna and toured extensively in Europe and Japan as a chamber musician.

Violist Adriana Zoppo is also a violinist and a baroque violinist. She has degrees from the University of Southern California and the University of Michigan. Zoppo enjoys listening to and playing music of all types.

Cellist Manon Robertshaw started playing the piano when she was 7 years old and cello at 8. By the time she was 12 she was teaching. She loves playing chamber music, especially string quartet.

Following an applauding audience Dianne Wintrob, chair of the music department asked the quartet, "How long have you worked on this piece?" "A thousand hours," was the answer.

"The music put me in a whole new world," biology student Shentill Floyd said. Floyd described the quartet's sound as calming and relaxing.

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where from a warning to a one to nine-day suspension all the way to a semester suspension., Delahoussaye said.

Now that the Internet is such an integral part of educational research, sites like DirectEssays.com or Alta Vista or any of the hundreds of pay-for-papers sites can be easily accessed. It's no surprise that some students are willing to shell out \$19.95 per month or more for perfectly polished term papers that may kick them a notch closer to the honor roll or get them busted for their deceit.

"There's a lot of different psychological background behind plagiarism and it's not always just the devious," said English professor Rod Moore, a 25-year teaching veteran. "We get some 'innocent plagiarism', especially with ESL students. They're fluent in their native language and then are reduced to the level of children in this new language. If they find a sentence on the Internet and it's the right way to say it — that to them is a triumph of discovery and feels like progress."

Professors across the nation are also turning to the Internet as a means of battling this problem. Utilizing search engines like Google or websites like Turnitin.com, most have quickly put to rest the endless task of searching through books trying to find a suspect phrase or block of text. Typing in one line or several on any of these search engines allows them to pinpoint the source.

Moore has tackled this issue of academic integrity by changing his teaching style and has tried to build anti-plagiarism pedagogy into the way he teaches. "Students turn in their rough drafts and their brainstorming notes throughout the semester which shows me their whole journey of discovery and revision," Moore said. "You can't plagiarize that."

'Loan'

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secretary of Student Services. Rarely does anyone get turned down, Smith said. The emergency book loan is not federally or state run. The money loaned to students is comprised of donations given by faculty members, general staff members and the Associated Student Union. Some students don't pay back the loan, limiting the distributed funds, Smith said. However, the generosity of the contributors continues.

"It helps a lot of students,

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Most STDs are "silent," causing no noticeable symptoms. These infections can be diagnosed only through testing although routine screening programs are not widespread. Pezescki's lecture covered everything from the most common STD, Chlamydia, a treatable bacterial infection that can scar the fallopian tubes affecting a woman's ability to have children, to more serious ones such as HIV/AIDS. He also talked about how important it is to get tested. Pezescki held a similar lecture at Valley four months ago.

Pezescki is associated the with Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care and Treatment) program that provides reproductive health services to more

than one million low-income Californians annually. since books are pretty expensive," O'Connor said. "Even if your books are more than the donation, every little bit helps." About 80 students received the loan this semester. The book loan is still available. Students can apply at Student Services in Monarch Hall.

Although the loan is primarily funded by donations from faculty and staff, anyone, including students, can make a donation to Student Services.

Funded by the California State Office of Family Planning, the program provides free pregnancy tests, annual exams, Pap smears, birth control methods and STD testing and treatment.

"A lot of students aren't aware of the Family PACT Program," Barbara Perlman, registered nurse at Valley said. "It's a wonderful deal."

People who qualify for the program include low-income California residents without health insurance and those with Medi-Cal or a third-party insurance with no deductible. Interested students can go to Health Services for more information.

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classification system that has no place in today's world, claim the bill's supporters.

"Statistics can't prove discrimination," said Ward Connerly, University of California regent. "It's time to stop being so race conscious. Connerly has been a major supporter of initiatives to remove affirmative action programs from the UC system."

Opponents see the initiative undermining civil rights enforcement because it would stop the collection of statistics that could show a pattern of discrimination in anything from schooling to law enforcement.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante feels that the state must invest in education and is urging vot-

ers to vote against Proposition 54. "We need to embrace our diversity," said Bustamante in a recent interview with the Whittier Daily News. Republican gubernatorial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger also doesn't support the bill.

"If passed as proposed, it would endanger our ability to gather important information about health care and our schools," Schwarzenegger said.

The only major candidate to come out in support of the proposition is State Sen. Tom McClintock. "I do not believe that race should determine how people are treated by their government."

Monarchs Anticipate Valley Revitalization

■ URS Project Director Alix O'Brien brings Valley College up to date on construction, restoration and budgeting.

By KRISTA CARLSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Over the next six years, the face of Valley College will undergo a drawn-out makeover. Bungalows will be demolished, new buildings will rise from the ruins and many departments and services will get new homes at different locations on campus.

The process of 'revitalizing Valley' is being funded by taxpayer dollars from the approval of Proposition A in spring 2001 and Proposition AA in spring 2003, providing a grand \$271 million to Valley. Under the propositions, all Los Angeles Community College schools have received bond funds to restore campuses and prepare for future enrollment increases.

A town hall meeting held Thursday brought campus faculty and administrators up to date on all aspects of planning, including 104 requests for contracts that are in progress for various work, ranging from design efforts on future buildings to site improvements across campus. URS, the company overseeing all bond project work, sponsored the meeting.

"One of the things that has made a huge difference and helped us progress is the college participation," URS project director Alix O'Brien said. "The building user groups have been working hard and working to

meet the budget."

Of the various transformations the campus will undergo, one of the more striking changes is the plan to build an allied health sciences building to be located at the site of the present sheriff's office and the surrounding bungalows. The sciences building will house most of the science disciplines, allowing for more efficient shared resources and communication between departments.

"We're looking forward to creating a lot of synergies between departments," said Don Gauthier, earth science and anthropology department chair. "We're looking forward to collaborative projects, some we're starting to work on now, even the before the building is built."

A similar cooperative building will house disciplines under the media arts umbrella. The media arts center is expected to be on the north side of campus.

In order to power all the new buildings, Valley must also replace and possibly relocate the central plant. The engineering tunnels that deliver power to buildings now will not reach nor accommodate many of the future buildings, including the media arts center.

Valley's future library and learning resource center is proposed to replace the cafeteria. Previously, the library plans included covering a portion of

the quad, but environmental impact studies called for a revision. Valley will hire a food-service consultant to plan for alternative methods of supplying food to students.

The process of demolition and construction will create various classroom relocations until the work is complete. "Our goal is to not spend your bond dollars on temporary buildings," O'Brien said. Additional temporary classrooms will be needed in the future, and one possibility is to hold classes in part of the campus operations center until buildings are complete, O'Brien said. The campus operations center is one of the earlier projects because of the sequence and locations of demolition and construction.

High-priority site improvements include signage on Valley's corners, arborist visits to correspond with biology department chair Karen Roy and catalog the more than 1700 plants on campus, painting buildings and courtyard improvements, including the courtyards beside Monarch Hall and the art building.

URS plans to establish graphic displays at various locations to illustrate what the changes will look like. Work scheduled under the master plan will undergo re-budgeting through the rest of the year to adjust with the additional Proposition AA funds.

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Others believed that Davis has been making many of his recent legislative decisions in reaction to the recall attempt. "He started patronizing illegal immigrants after the recall started," student Samantha Young said.

Activist Ted Costa started the

recall effort shortly after Davis' re-election last November. After receiving millions in contributions from Darrell Issa, R-Vista, the effort qualified for the ballot. In July, Secretary of State Kevin Shelley "certified" the election and on July 24, Lt. Gov. Cruz

Bustamante set the Oct. 7 date. Last week the last legal challenge to the election was defeated and the date was confirmed.

"There will be no overnight miracles," Field said.

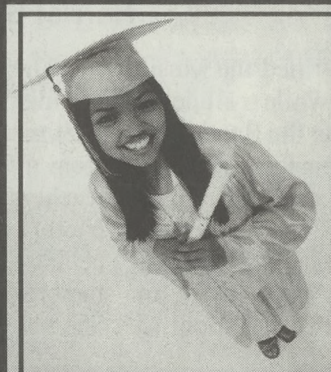
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buy. I might like a song off of the album, but I am not going to go out and spend \$14.99 for one song."

Mod Wheel Mood has yet to sign with a label, but Cortini can also understand how an artist who is attempting to make a living off of royalties can be upset with the RIAA issue. Cortini played guitar on recent tours with Everclear, signed with Capitol Records, and The Mayfield Four, signed with Epic Records.

"Bands today are not making albums like they used to," Cortini said, "It is very difficult to go out and be able to buy an album you can listen to start to finish." Cortini said he hopes the file swapping issue evolves the recording industry by forcing musicians to make better music and by forcing record companies to sign more diverse bands.

Many alternatives exist for those who want to move away from P2P sharing, and at more than affordable prices. Independent record stores offer new and used CDs at prices that will have music fans returning habitually.

"I hope this entire P2P file

swapping issue creates a natural evolution in the music industry," Cortini said. "It will force musicians to make better music and the labels to bring on better bands. As an artist I know how difficult it is and people deserve what they pay for."

"We have definitely been affected by the P2P file swapping," said Cody Herr, a manager at the Penny Lane used record store chain in the Los Angeles area. Nobody wants to pay more than \$10 for a CD. We can only hope that labels will realize the issue at hand and follow Universal in their current price reduction."

With many online music providers offering single song selections Herr hopes for the wave of buying one track CDs will return. "The singles game is slowly making it's way back into the market," said Herr.

"Bands are releasing good songs and people may not enjoy the rest of their album. Having the ability to buy a hit single with another track or two on it is becoming more of a demand from customers. People are just going to have to be patient with music for the next few years."



ON THE BOULEVARD- Karen Joo shops for CDs at the Second Spin record store on Ventura Boulevard. Independent record stores like Second Spin depend on loyal music fans to stay in business.

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thing."

Although Noory is nonpartisan and doesn't vote in elections, when asked about the current state of affairs in California he said, "California, what a mess." When asked how he thinks it will affect the rest of the country Noory said, "I don't know that much about Gray Davis yet. I haven't had that much time to analyze what he did, but he did get reelected, so obviously he did something right or people wouldn't have reelected him."

Leaning in closer with a serious stare he said, "I think one of the dangers that happened to him which could be a problem in our system is that it's obvious that you don't need a tremendous number of people to call for a recall. Does that mean that elected officials are subject to a recall at the whim of those people who voted for them? I think there has to be some stringent rules and regulations for recalls as determining why someone should be recalled. If there's criminal activity, I think that should be done but it's not the case here. But I also think there has to be more than just signatures to call for a recall or the entire system's going to collapse. Keep in mind the people who didn't win can still garner enough votes to challenge a recall. This could go on forever."

"Anyone who doesn't win can come back and screw up the whole system. As far as I'm concerned Gray Davis got elected for four years, then he got elected for four more years. Let him serve out his term barring anything he might have done that might be criminal. There's a legislature in this state that's supposed to be a watchdog for what the executive branch of government does, so there should be checks and balances already in place here. So I don't understand how you can blame one guy for the collapse of the system. As bad as some people may believe he may be, he should be allowed to work out his term."

Noory enjoys ancient history, Egyptian in particular. He's fascinated with the mystery of how they did what they did, especially the pyramids. "I happen to believe that they were way more advanced than people give them credit for. I think we may have had civilizations in the past that theoretically were more advanced than us. Maybe even millions of years ago some catastrophe wiped them out, buried them thousands of feet under the planet. I don't believe the Egyptians pulled along those blocks of stone using thousands of Hebrews."

You could be driving from anywhere to anywhere in America late at night. Just turn your radio to the AM dial, find Coast to Coast and the voice of George Noory will bid you into the dark and mysterious corners of your mind. In his new role at the helm of "Coast to Coast" George Noory has stepped into what he feels is his destiny.

'Astronomy' continued from page 5

science students. The club is open to everyone, including the general public. Members have a unique opportunity to enjoy speakers from NASA. The club field trips include a yearly "Star-b-que" - an evening of telescope viewing at a local park and organized special access to Mount Wilson and Palomar observatories. Hugo Festner said, "I am the token senior member of the group. We see a number of new members and students come and go, but I've been with the group for fifteen years and there is a core group of us who have stayed with it for a long time. We have a lot of fun and it is always interesting."

The astronomy group also features speakers from JPL and Cal Tech, as well as entertainment industry professionals. One of the most interesting speakers was Andre Bormanis, story editor for "Star Trek Enterprise." Bormanis has a degree in physics and presented a discussion of the real science in science fiction. Last month, Dr. Michelle Thaller presented some of the first images from the recently launched NASA Space Infrared Telescope facility. Thaller is Manager of the SIRT Education and Public Outreach Program.

"There are processes and objects in the universe that we never see just with our human senses," Thaller said, "so we have to use technology to extend our senses to be able to see things that have been invisible to us."

Falk is very happy with the success of the astronomy group and hopes it will keep growing. A modest yearly membership fee of \$15 will help the astronomy department raise necessary funds. Due to college budget constraints, the eucalyptus trees surrounding the planetarium telescopes couldn't be trimmed this year. The view of Mars was obstructed due to the lapse in care.

The planetarium and observatory will be expanded in the future with funds from Valley's masterplan, allocated by spring 2001's proposition A. Falk has built an architectural model of the planetarium that includes the proposed addition. Today's facility houses a 40-year-old projector, a 24-foot dome and seating for 50 people. Expansions will turn out a new 40-foot dome with seating for 100 people and a new projector. The new projector is costly, but the new technology would be less expensive than re-

placing the existing projector.

The planned addition includes an elevator that will allow access to students with disabilities. At present, there is no wheelchair access.

The new building will offer more community access. At present, astronomy classes occupy the planetarium daily.

"There is no way currently for local elementary schools to visit our planetarium and observatory," Falk said. "The new facility will be able to meet this need. This will be a great way for young students to develop an early interest and a passion to learn about our universe." The groups next Star Party will be on Oct. 4 students can join astronomy members at a local park and enjoy the evening stars with the portable telescopes which the club brings.

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WSC FOOTBALL

Renegades Rip the Monarchs

■ Valley loses by 15 in the Central California bog of Bakersfield, making them winless against Western State Conference teams.

By BOB TEICHMANN

STAFF WRITER

BAKERSFIELD—Despite outscoring the opposition in the fourth quarter, the Monarchs fell to 1-3 overall with a 20-35 loss to the Bakersfield Renegades Saturday.

"Any number of factors affected our performance," running back coach Dave Buchanan said. "Anything from the drive to the weather caused fatigue on our part."

Fatigued they were. Valley's offense was on apparent sick-leave in the first half. Renegade running back Rickey Harod scored the first touchdown with a 90-yard run.

The second quarter was no different, with Bakersfield running 38 yards and passing another 13 to score two more touchdowns. The Renegades added insult to injury by intercepting a pass with four seconds left in the half.

Valley was scoreless after two, while Bakersfield ended with a total of three touchdowns, finishing the half with the Monarchs in the hole 0-21.

The third quarter opened with a number of calls that caused concern for the Monarch coaching staff.

"Where's our call? If you're calling one on us, you'd better damn well call one on them," yelled head coach Ron Ponciano to a referee after a holding call against Valley.

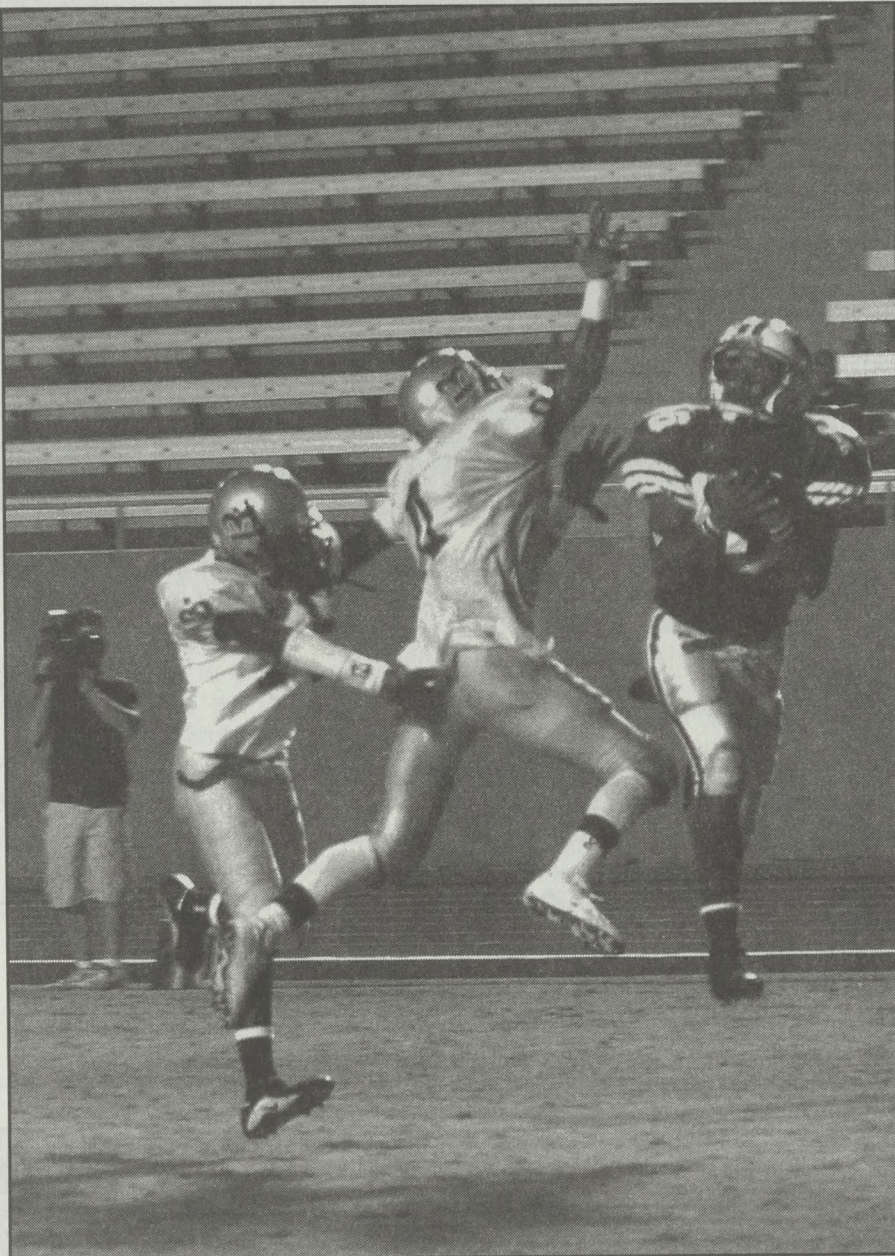
The Monarchs had no luck with their next possession. Starting from the 35-yard line, Valley lost yardage on each attempt, with Monarch quarterback Kevin Arbuckle being sacked on a second-down pass.

"We're sitting here because they just screwed Arbuckle," said offensive lineman Sy Henry to a row of depressed faces on the sideline.

Wide receiver Charles Harris scored two touchdowns for Valley in the fourth quarter off two successful passes from Arbuckle for a total of 50 yards.

However, the last-second rally was futile. Bakersfield maintained their lead throughout the quarter with a 14-yard rush off an interception for a touchdown.

Valley will attempt to improve its record when the team travels to Moorpark Saturday to take on the Raiders.



BOB TEICHMANN/ VALLEY STAR
HIGH RISING - Valley defensive back Charles Harris, left, and strong safety D'Andre Good, center, attempt to block a pass in the Bakersfield endzone in the third quarter Saturday.

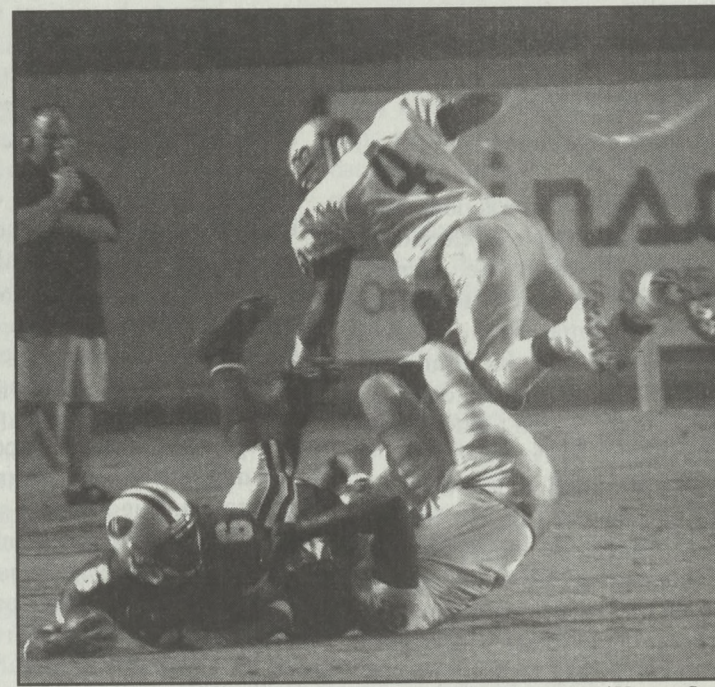
WSC Football @ Bakersfield 9/27/03

Passing				
14 Kevin Arbuckle				
PA	PC	YG	TD	
40	18	192	2	

Punt Returns				
4 D'Andre Good				
NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
2	59	29.5	0	

FOOTBALL Upcoming Schedule L.A. Valley College Western State Conference

Opponent	Date	Time
@ Moorpark	10/4	7 p.m.
West L.A.	10/18	1 p.m.
@ Canyons	10/25	7 p.m.
@ Hancock	11/1	7 p.m.
Ventura	11/8	1 p.m.
Pierce	11/15	1 p.m.



BOB TEICHMANN/ VALLEY STAR
UP AND OVER - Monarch strong safety D'Andre Good, 4, jumps toward a pile of players in the third quarter of Valley's 20-35 loss to Bakersfield Friday.

LAVC SCORES

Football @ Bakersfield (L 20-35) 9/27/03 Record: 1-3
 Edric Primm: 146 yds rushing, 30 carries Kyle Clay: 12 tackles

Soccer @ Citrus (W 2-0) 9/26/03 Record: 5-2-1

Women's Water Polo - Citrus Tourney 9/24/03 Record: 8-3
Valley vs. College of the Canyons (W 19-4)
Valley vs. Ventura (W 9-5)

CURRENT RANKING: Seventh in California

Water Polo (M) vs. Mt. Sac (L 10-11 3OT) 9/26/03 Record: 4-6

LAVC SCHEDULE

Wednesday 10/1/03
 Men's Water Polo @ Cuesta All Day

Thursday 10/2/03
 No Scheduled Games

Friday 10/3/03
 Men's Water Polo @ Citrus All Day
 Women's Water Polo @ Pasadena All Day
 Cross Country @ Riverside 10 a.m.
 Soccer @ Glendale 4 p.m.

Saturday 10/4/03
 Men's Water Polo @ Citrus All Day
 Women's Water Polo @ Pasadena All Day
 Football @ Moorpark 7 p.m.

Sunday 10/5/03
 No Scheduled Games

Tuesday 10/7/03
 Soccer vs. College of the Canyons 4 p.m.

PRO SCORES

L.A. Galaxy vs. K.C. Wizards (L 1-2) 9/27/03
 Scoring Summary: KCW - Chris Klein: 2 goals

An. Angels vs. Texas Rangers (W 4-1) 9/28/03
 WP: Scot Shields (4-6) LP: John Thomson (13-13)

L.A. Dodgers @ San Francisco Giants (L 3-12) 9/28/03
 WP: Kevin Correia (2-1) LP: Wilson Alvarez (6-1)

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"What's the world coming to? I mean flags do fly."

Dave Buchanan,
 Football Running Backs Coach,
 on the lack of penalties called in the third quarter of the Saturday loss to Bakersfield.

Photo by Bob Teichmann

Citrus Owls Nocturnal in Monarch 2-0 Vicky-tory

■ The Monarchs continued with their winning record as they conquered their first victory on the road.

By JORGE GALLEGOS
 STAFF WRITER

The final score was 2-0, but what's more important is that they were able to win on the road for the first time after losing their previous two away games.

It was a very physical game — Monarchs' forward Karla Soriano had to be taken out of the game because of an injury to her left knee caused by a collision between her and Citrus' goalkeeper. "It was an accident and still hurts, but I wanted to see if I could still play in the second half," Soriano said.

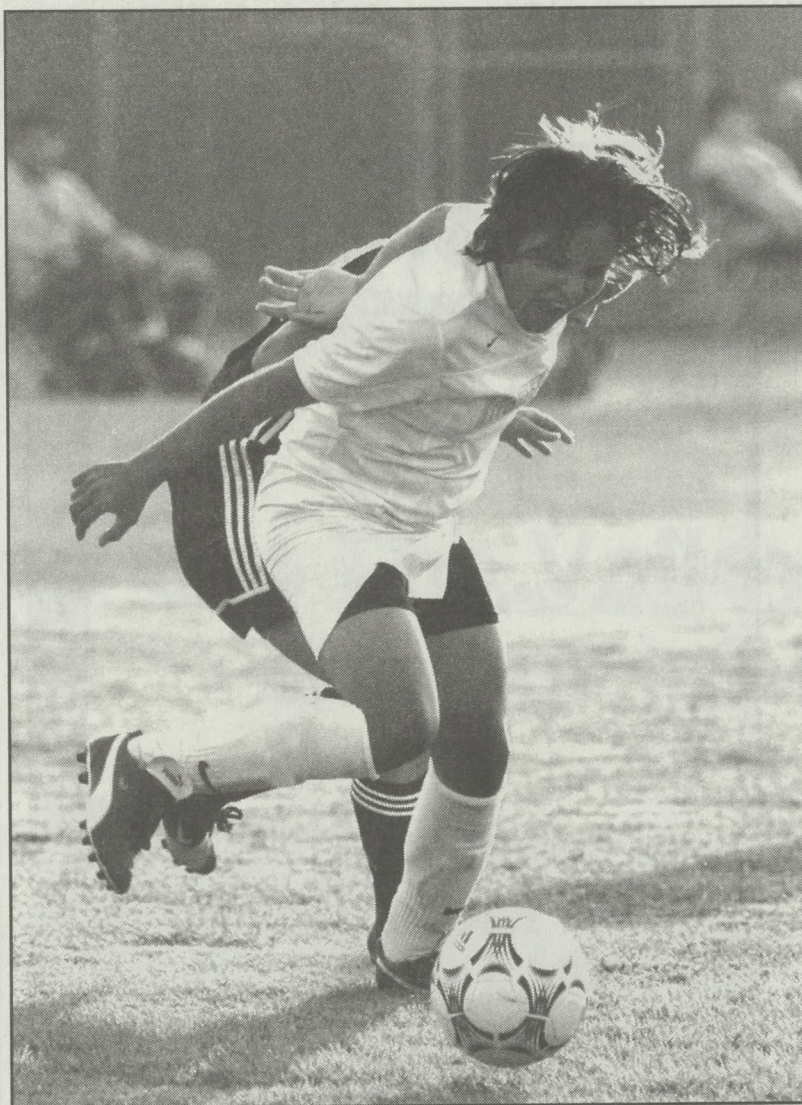
Although the Monarchs dominated the first half, it wasn't until the second half that Valley showed the difference on the scoreboard.

"We were half asleep," Monarchs' midfielder Nancy Villalta said, "but we played better in the second half". The goal that opened the door to the victory came off of a corner-kick shot by Monarchs' midfielder Friday Camaclang assisting Valley's defender Obduliah Michel. Michel jumped between the Owls' goalkeeper and two defenders heading the ball into the net scoring her first goal of the season.

The second goal calmed the Monarchs' anxiety.

"1-0 was a dangerous score," said team captain Olga Pedraza, "but with the 2-0 lead I felt very relieved."

Pedraza started the play, passing the ball to her right where midfielder Friday Camaclang received it. Friday



JORGE GALLEGOS/VALLEY STAR
GET OFF ME - Monarch forward Virginia Granados gets in front of Owl sweeper Sharon Clarke as Valley won their first match on the road 2-0 Friday, improving their record 5-2-1.

gave it back and ran to the open space attracting the Owls' defense, creating an open space for Pedraza to take the shot, but instead, Pedraza deceived Citrus defender turning left sending a through ball to Monarchs' forward Virginia Granados who controlled the ball with her blue Puma shoe and shot passing the goal line, sealing the 2-0 victory.

Valley will visit the Glendale Vaqueros Oct. 3 to continue adding victories to their record.

SOCCER Upcoming Schedule Los Angeles Valley College Western State Conference

Opponent	Date	Time
@ Glendale	10/3	4 p.m.
Canyons	10/7	4 p.m.
@ Pierce	10/14	4 p.m.
Santa Monica	10/17	4 p.m.
Citrus	10/21	4 p.m.
Bakersfield	10/24	4 p.m.
Glendale	10/28	3 p.m.
@ Canyons	10/31	1 p.m.
Pierce	11/7	3 p.m.
@ SMC	11/10	3 p.m.

NOTES

NBA
 Eagle County, Colorado Judge Frederick Gannett said Monday that issues in the Kobe Bryant case will be discussed Thursday, including the possibility of the accuser testifying on October 7. The Thursday schedule would give Bryant's attorneys enough time to appeal any unfavorable decision.

NBA
 Arraignment for bodybuilder Patrick Graber, the man charged with soliciting the murder of the accuser of Kobe Bryant, was postponed until next week.

NBA
 Former Seattle Supersonics center Pedrag Drobnjak is closing a deal with the Los Angeles Clippers, reported to be a four-year deal.

NBA
 Houston Rockets center Yao Ming is on the verge of leaving Nike for an endorsement deal with rival Reebok. The long-time rival of Nike already has a number of stars under contract, including Philadelphia 76'ers star guard Allen Iverson, who has signed a lifetime deal.

MLB
 Los Angeles Dodgers star closer and Cy Young award candidate Eric Gagne is a free agent after this season. Gagne went a perfect 55-for-55 in saves, setting MLB records for the most saves in a perfect season, most consecutive saves in a season, most consecutive saves from the start of a season and, the most consecutive saves over two seasons with 63.

MLB
 The Los Angeles Dodgers closed the 2003 season with a 85-77 record after a 3-12 loss to the San Francisco Giants Sunday. The Giants won the National League West with a record of 100-61, choosing to forgo their final game in New York Monday in favor of rest time for Tuesday's Game 1 of the MLB Playoffs against the Florida Marlins.

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OFFICIAL STATS WESTERN STATE CONFERENCE

WSC Football Standings

NORTH	DIV.	PCT.	PF	PA	SEASON
Canyons	2-0	1.000	81	45	4-0
Moorpark	2-0	1.000	67	35	2-2
Bakersfield	1-1	.500	56	45	3-1
Allan Hancock	1-1	.500	56	47	2-2
Santa Barbara	1-1	.500	44	41	2-2
Ventura	1-1	.500	48	59	2-2
L.A. Valley	0-2	.000	27	55	1-3
L.A. Pierce	0-2	.000	36	90	0-4

SOUTH	DIV.	PCT.	PF	PA	SEASON
Santa Monica	2-0	1.000	93	45	2-2
Compton	2-0	1.000	50	15	2-2
Citrus	1-1	.500	52	66	3-1
West L.A.	1-1	.500	66	89	2-2
L.A. Southwest	1-1	.500	33	39	1-3
L.A. Harbor	1-1	.500	50	54	1-3
East L.A.	0-2	.000	31	53	1-3
Glendale	0-2	.000	54	78	0-4

WSC Individual Rushing

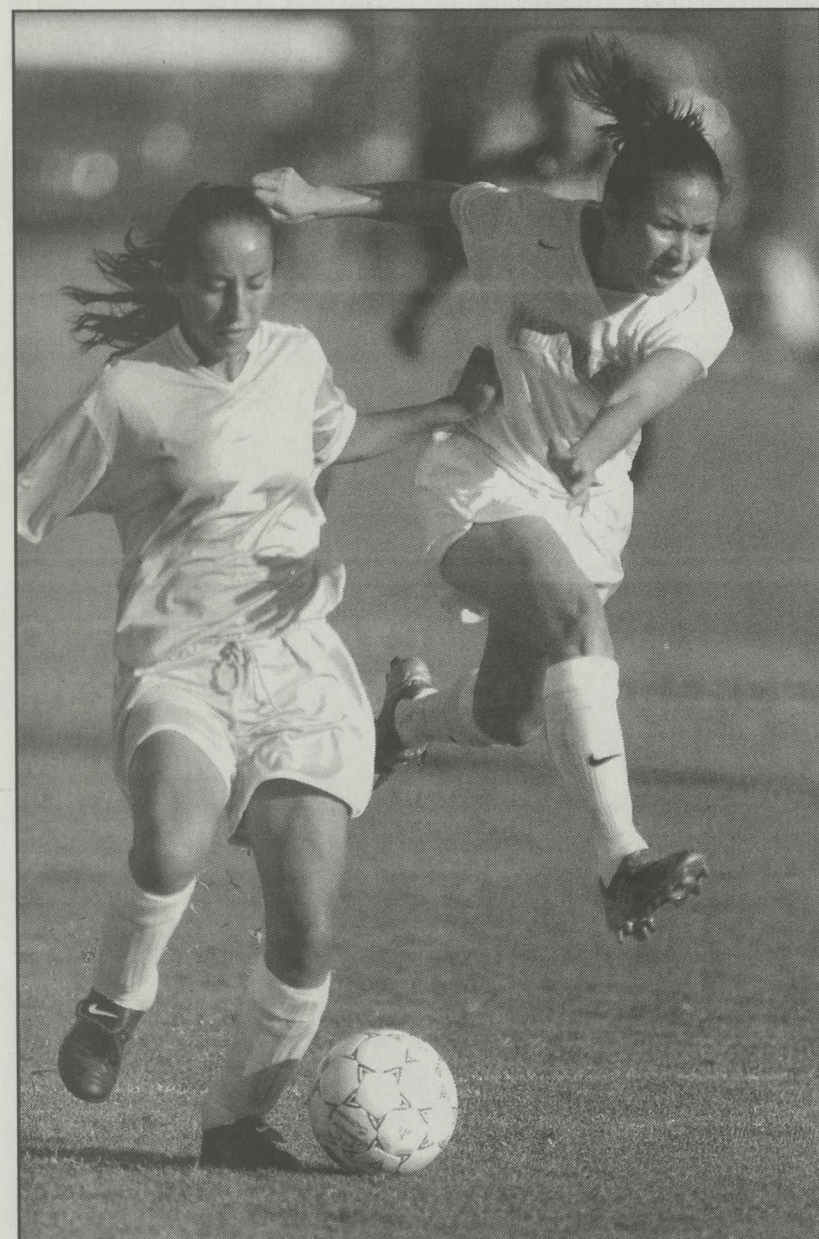
	GMS.	NYDS.	AVG.	TD
Edric Prim (L.A. Valley)	4	494	5.6	3
Greg Morris (Moorpark)	4	475	7.4	4
Quinton Ganther (Citrus)	4	474	5.7	5
Johnny Bentley (West L.A.)	4	431	6.4	3
Marcus Crawford (Canyons)	4	412	8.1	5
Alex Garfio (Ventura)	4	357	4.8	1
Gerrell Cain (Canyons)	4	270	8.2	1
Aaron Brown (Ventura)	4	262	4.7	2
Rickey Herod (Bakersfield)	4	249	8.3	2
Rocky Alo (L.A. Harbor)	2	249	6.3	1
Roger Daley (L.A. Pierce)	4	234	6.7	3
Michael Santos (Hancock)	3	233	4.6	4
Justin Smith (Glendale)	4	213	3.7	2
Fred Colbert (East L.A.)	4	212	3.9	1
Mike Alias (L.A. Southwest)	4	194	3.0	1
Maurice Little (Santa Monica)	2	182	6.5	1

WSC Individual Passing

	GMS.	NYDS.	AVG.	TD
David Koral (Santa Monica)	4	1228	14.1	11
Devin Hollins (West L.A.)	4	1085	16.7	10
George Valos (Bakersfield)	4	829	12.8	10
Steve Payne (Citrus)	4	876	13.7	7
Chriss Judd (L.A. Harbor)	4	655	12.1	6
Kevin Arbuckle (L.A. Valley)	4	583	12.1	5
Preston Maloney (Santa Barbara)	4	784	16.7	9
Larry Dockery (L.A. Pierce)	4	690	15.3	5
Jack Swisher (Ventura)	4	518	12.6	6
Brandon Brooks (Compton)	2	614	15.4	2
Jason Beck (Canyons)	4	500	12.5	3
Nick Kramer (Moorpark)	3	514	15.6	5
David Parker (Glendale)	4	441	13.4	2
Chazley Foster (L.A. Southwest)	2	325	10.2	2
Will Savage (Canyons)	4	294	10.5	1

Statistical Information Courtesy of Dale Beck, Athletic Information Dir.
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BAD CALL



JORGE GALLEGOS/VALLEY STAR

NO FOUL? - Monarch midfielder Friday Camaclang is clearly being pushed by Moorpark in what could have led to a penalty kick that could have tied the game. Valley lost 1-2 Sept. 23 at Raider Field.

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Men's Water Polo Team Misfires in Double OT

■ Monarchs battle through regulation, but miss 26 shots and loss in double overtime to Mt. Sac.

By JAYSON ADDCOX
SPORTS EDITOR

It took two overtimes for Mt. San Antonio College to defeat Valley's men's water polo team 10-11 Friday afternoon. The Monarchs jumped ahead early but were unable to hold the lead against the Mounties, ranked eighth in the state.

"That was a tough team," head coach Jon Conrad said. "We played them solid, 6-3 going into the third quarter"

Carry Alberti led the Monarchs with three goals, and Arutyan Ipchyan racked up four steals and five assists. The Monarchs had a chance with 30 seconds left to win the game in regulation but failed to convert on offense.

"Our guys got a little bit complacent early on," assistant

coach Carlos Pelayo said. "We lack that instinct to put teams away."

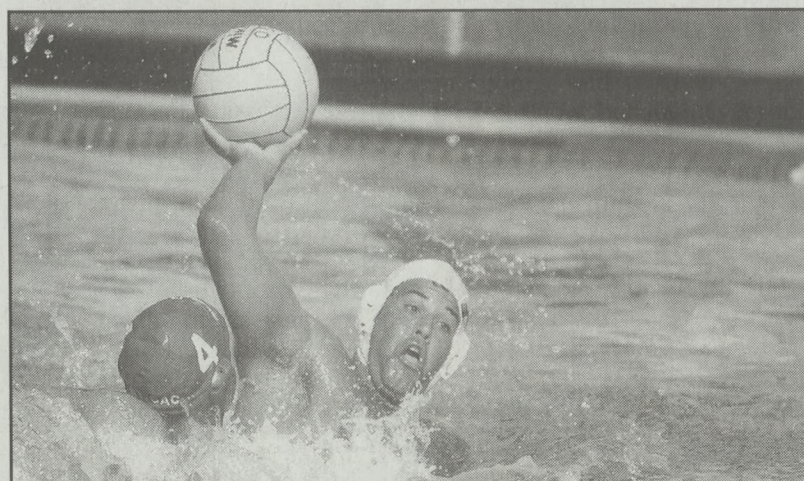
Although the Monarchs missed 26 shots in the game, they were able to hold the lead for the first three periods. Goalie Dan Bald had eight saves and the defense was ferocious, allowing only three goals in the first half.

"In the first half the defense was great," said Pelayo. "Late in the game we made some mental mistakes that hurt us."

The overtime loss dropped the Monarchs record to (4-6). In all six losses the margin of victory was one goal.

"It's frustrating," Conrad said "We've played some solid games and the guys have played hard."

The team will compete in the Citrus tournament Oct. 3 and 4.



JORDAN DINAPOLI/VALLEY STAR

THROUGH THE PAIN - Monarch Dro Hovenessian shoots and scores, while playing with a knee injury in Saturdays overtime loss to Mt. Sac.

Small, But Mighty Edric Prim Covers Ground on the Gridiron

By JAYSON ADDCOX
SPORTS EDITOR

Three games into the season Monarchs' running back Edric Prim leads the Western State Conference in rushing. Prim has carried the ball 88 times for 494 yards. At 5'8" and 190 pounds he's small, but hard to tackle.

"I just want people to see this little man giving it everything he's got, making things happen on the field," Prim said.

Prim is a freshmen tailback from Loxey, Alabama, a town on the outskirts of Mobile. "Growing up at home we just played football in the fields," Prim said. "There wasn't much else to do. It was all woods." After graduating from Robert Stale High School, Prim decided to send highlight tapes to Valley College. He had heard about the school and the coach through a friend.

"I'm still getting used to the big city," Prim said. "Its different here, things move so fast." Prim is a business major and plans to transfer to the University of Oklahoma. On the field he's an elusive runner, combining speed with power.

Most universities wrote him off because of his size, which only gave him more of an incentive to excel at the college level.

"Football comes from the heart," Prim said. "A lot of schools won't give you a chance unless you're a big and strong, but they don't know who's got it inside."

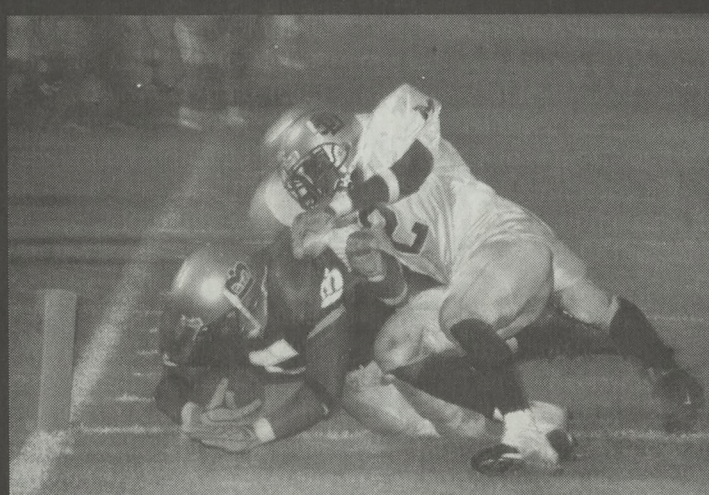
"He's amazing in the weight room," said receivers coach Chris Welde. "He's under the radar right now, but soon everyone is going to know about him."

After the games he listens to music and lies on his couch to rest his bruised body. He thinks this year's team is as talented as any. He doesn't care about being one of the best running backs in the state. He just wants to win.

"It doesn't mean anything to me unless we win," Prim said.

In the off-season he plans to train hard to prepare for next year. He runs hills, lifts weights and does anything and everything to get better.

"He is magic on the field," head coach Ron Ponciano said.



BOB TEICHMANN/VALLEY STAR

FOR THE WIN - Edric Prim (5), the WSC leader in rushing, scores the game-winning touchdown Sept. 6 against San Diego.

MOORPARK RAIDERS Moorpark, CA ■ Friday 7 p.m.

AN OPINION Dodgers In Search of Playoff Atmosphere

By JAYSON ADDCOX
SPORTS EDITOR

Absolutely unacceptable. I'm talking about the Los Angeles Dodgers' inability to make the playoffs for the seventh consecutive season, and the fact that they haven't won a playoff game in 15 years.

It's pathetic if you ask me. I don't think I'm asking too much of the Blue Crew, to make a playoff game here and there. Eric Gagne, the front-runner for the Cy Young award, and the best closer in baseball, will not be a part of the playoffs. Neither will the league's best pitching staff. The Dodgers need to get back to the playoffs.

It's been 15 years since Kirk Gibson did the impossible and the Dodgers did the improbable, as Vin Scully put it: In 1988, the Dodgers beat the Oakland Athletics behind Kirk Gibson's pinch-hit homerun in the ninth inning of the first game of the series. That homerun ignited the Dodgers and sent a wave of energy through Dodger Stadium. Los Angeles went on to win the World Series.

Recently Dodger Stadium has become stale. The games I attended this year were great, but something was missing. The stadium lacked that intensity that the playoffs bring to an organization. Loyal Dodger fans deserve that playoff atmosphere vibrating through the tunnels, out of the concessions stands and spilling onto the field.

I went to New York this summer, attended one Yankee game and left in awe. My clothes reeked of World Series spirit and it was a regular season game. I'd rather drive south on the I-5 for 15 minutes and enjoy something similar at Dodger Stadium.

Fans and the Dodgers have only next season to look forward to. But if General Manager Dan Evans continues to make unwise decisions regarding personnel we'll be in for another grueling season. Evans is responsible for the acquisitions non-playoff caliber players such as: Daryle Ward, Tyler Houston, Todd Hundley, Mike Trombley, Terry Mulholand, James Baldwin and Rickey Henderson. He is also responsible for the departure of Gary Sheffield, Mike Piazza, and Eric Karros all solid players who could have helped this year's team make the playoffs.

Please, Mr. Evans make the necessary changes that will get us to the playoffs next season. Don't make Dodger fans, like me, travel to New York to get a taste of playoff baseball.

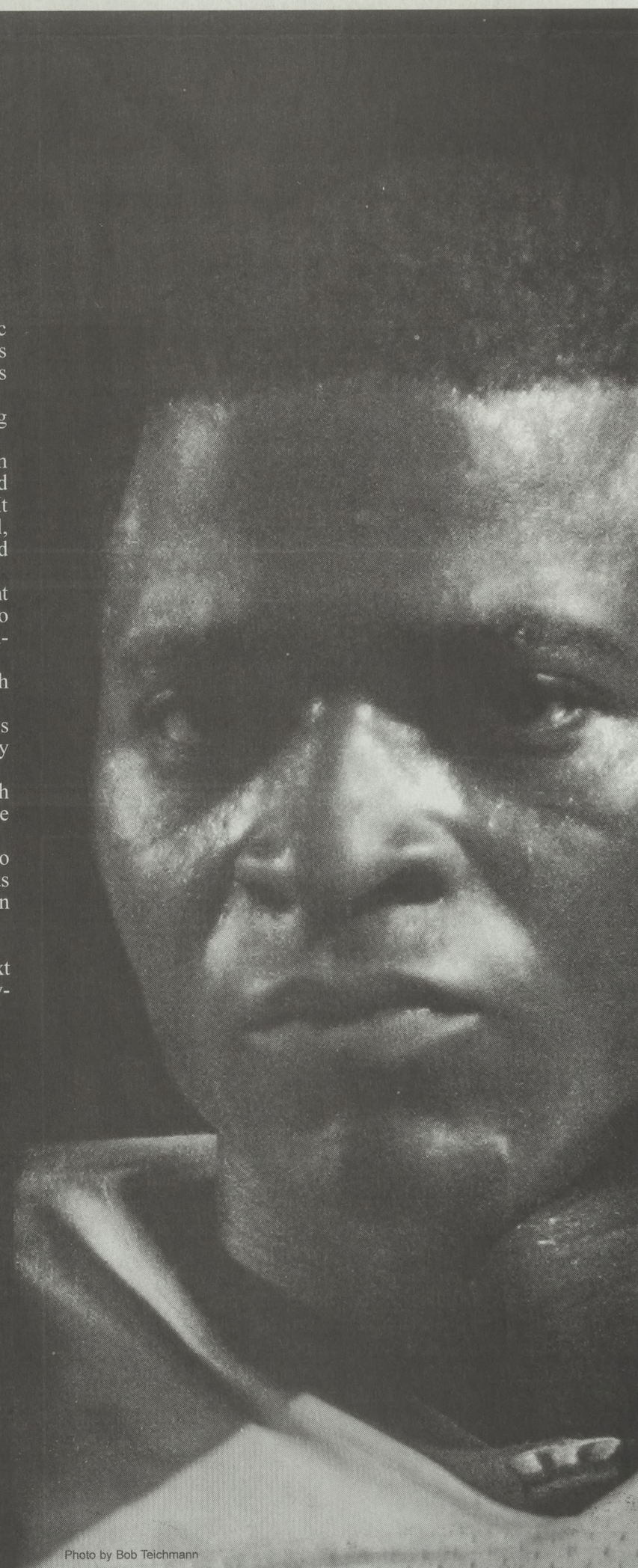


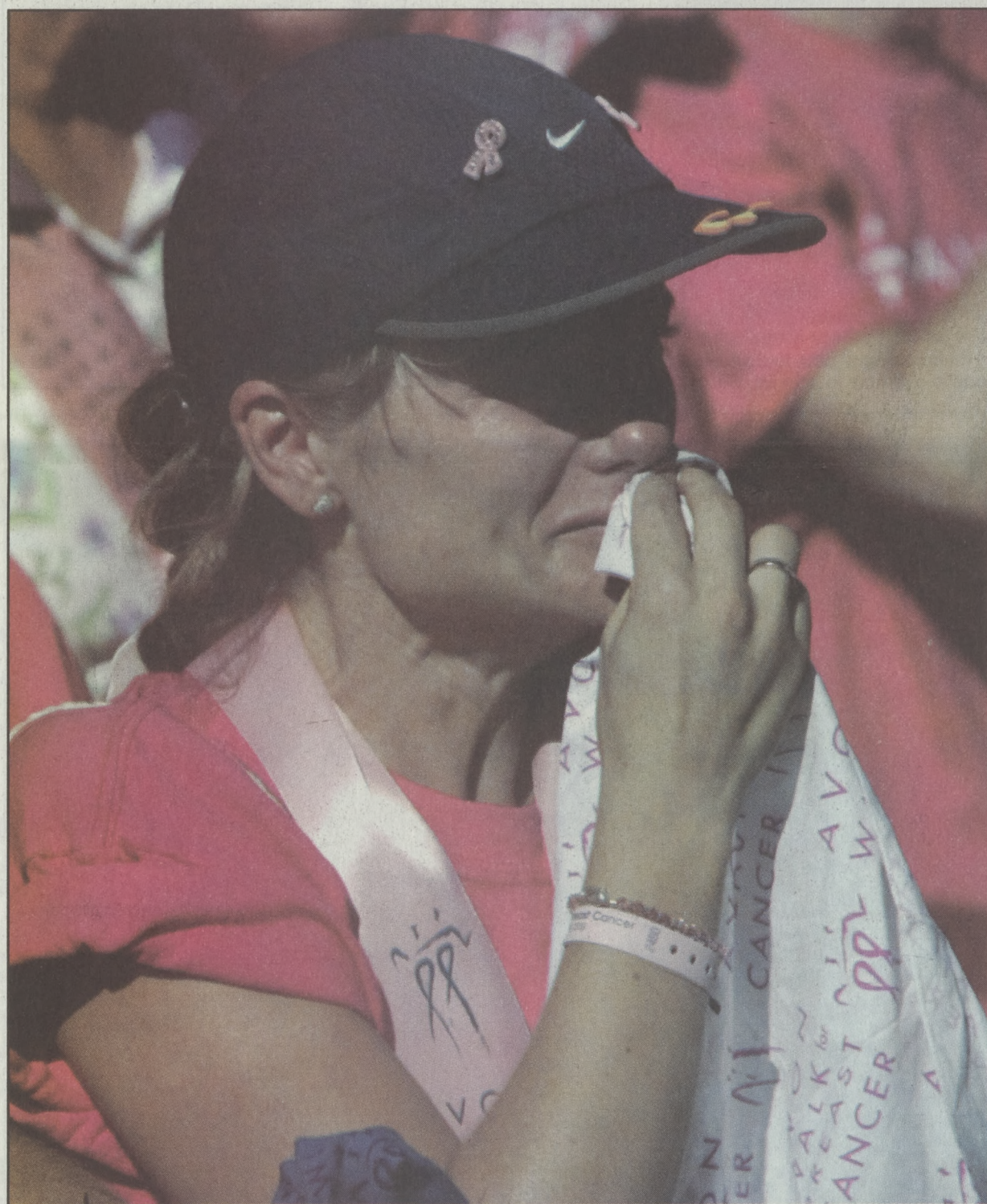
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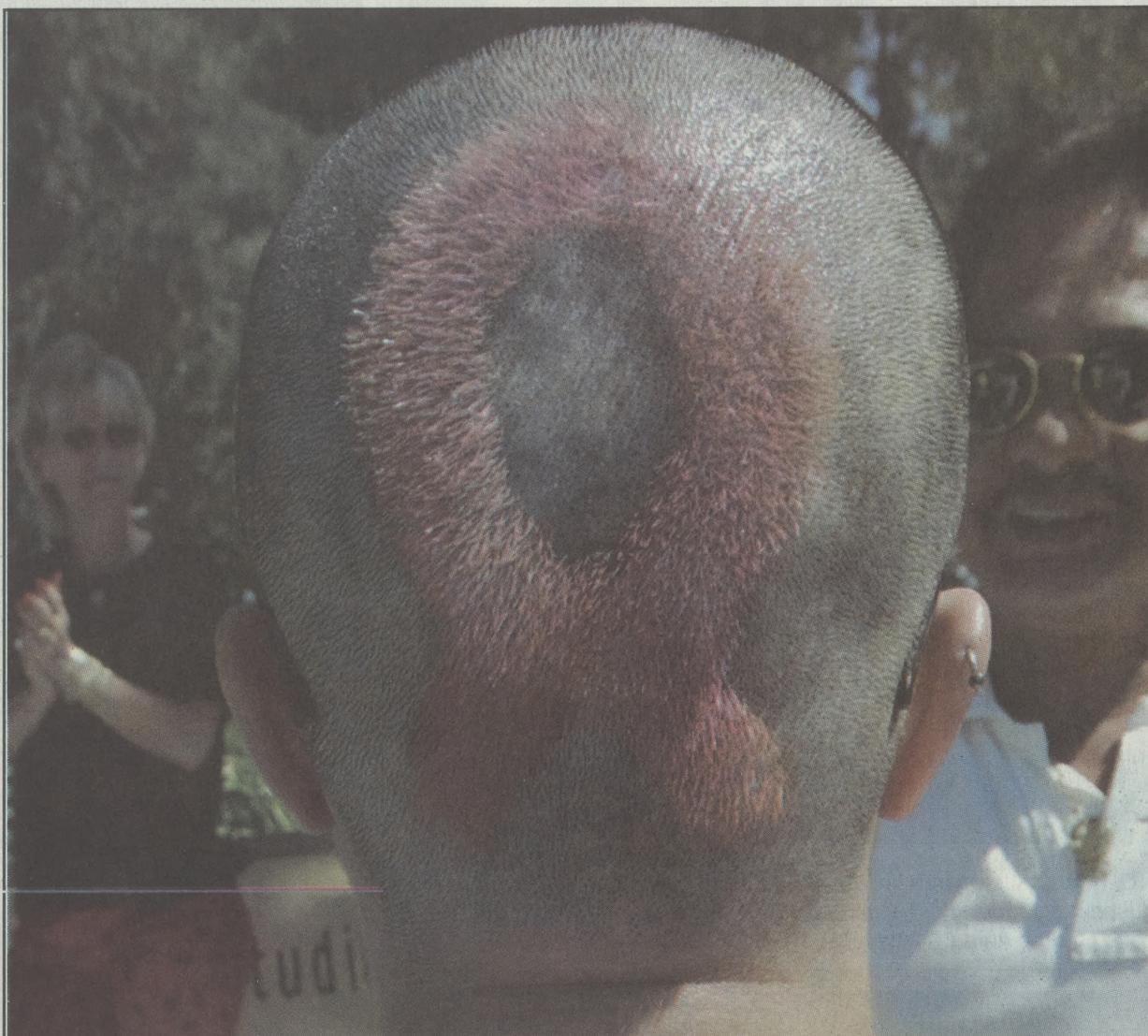


Avon & THE WALK OF WARRIORS

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1,100 participants brave 102-degree heat over two days to walk 39.3 miles, equal to a marathon-and-a-half, raising awareness, spirits and funds to fight the deadly disease. More than 200,000 people will be afflicted with breast cancer this year in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. Ending at Universal City, the "warriors in pink" gathered for testimonial, good praises and prayers of seeing every participant next year.



The women walk for different reasons, but they all have the same goal, to find a cure for Breast Cancer. The reaction at the finish line was tears of joy along with sadness for those who are gone but not forgotten.